



Great News! Your child is eligible for the Benton Community Promise this year! We want to help your family start saving for college with a tax-advantaged 529 College Savings account.

We know that even a small amount of money can help your child build the confidence they need to succeed in college... whether that be a trade school, community college or 4-year university.

All students in grades K-6, who reside and/or attend school in Benton County are eligible for these Promise incentives this year:

- Upon enrollment, we will deposit \$25 into your child's account.*
- In March, your child will have the chance to earn an additional \$75, if they raise \$25 for their account.*

Watch for more details!

Questions?

We are here to help!

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Promise Coordinator**

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Get Started Now - Enrollment Instructions

Enrolling your child has two main components, all outlined in the steps below. You must first sign them up for Promise, so that we can give them incentives locally. Then, you will open their CollegeChoice 529 savings account. Both parts are required to participate in the Promise.

- 1) Go to **www.bentoncommunitypromise.org** to enroll your child in the Promise program. **You will need the birthdate and social security number for the parent/guardian and the child.**

**If your child already has a CollegeChoice Direct account, be sure to use the information for the adult that owns the existing account.*

- 2) Once you have established a login and password to create your account, log back in using those credentials.

**If your child already has a CollegeChoice Direct 529 account, stop here and email promise@bentoncf.org for an Existing Account form.*

- 3) Click in the top right section to establish a CollegeChoice 529 account.

- 4) Follow the instructions on the website to create your child's 529 account.

- Step 1: Parent (Account Owner) Info
- Step 2: Student (Beneficiary) Info
- Step 3: Choose Investments
- Step 4: Funding Method

If you do not wish to make a deposit yourself, simply indicate "With a Check". We will send \$25 to every account opened, regardless of your contributions.

- Step 5: Select Delivery Option of Documents
- Step 6: Complete Your Account

There is no need to print the deposit form, unless you intend to mail a check to the account.

- Create Username and Password for CollegeChoice

- 5) **Congratulations!** You have just given your child an amazing gift! You can use your CollegeChoice login information to set-up recurring or one-time deposits for your child, get their Ugift code for others who wish to make deposits, change investments, and check balances.

*"A low-middle income child with just \$1-\$499 in a college savings account is **4.5 times more likely to graduate from college than a child without an account.**"*

- Washington University in St. Louis