

TRINE UNIVERSITY



LIFETIME GUARANTEE PROGRAM CLASS OF 2018

Four-Year Graduation Guarantee or Fifth-Year Tuition Free*

- Must make "satisfactory progress" toward a degree as defined by the requirements of the degree program.
- Must sign Lifetime Guarantee Application and a personal "Four-Year Academic Plan."
- Must have paid eight semesters of regular full-time tuition.

Guaranteed Annual Increases in Merit-Based Awards

- After successful completion of first year with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5, merit award increases by \$500. Must have earned a minimum of 30 credits.
- After successful completion of second year with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.75, merit award increases by \$500. Must have earned a minimum of 64 credits.
- After successful completion of third year with a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0, merit award increases by \$500. Must have earned a minimum of 96 credits.

Guaranteed Family Support

- Trine University's Office of Financial Aid will review the financial aid eligibility of any student whose primary wage earning parent/guardian (FAFSA filer) has died during the time the student is enrolled at Trine.

Guaranteed Career Services

- All services offered by Trine University's Office of Career Services will be made available to any full-time student or graduate of Trine University.

Guaranteed Lifelong Learning**

- For a lifetime, any graduate of Trine University may enroll, for no credit or tuition cost, in any undergraduate seated or online course at Trine.
- For a lifetime, any graduate of Trine University may participate, for no credit or tuition cost, in any course discussions, colloquies, chats, etc. which are offered seated or online.

* Eligibility requirements (see back)

**Cost of materials, books, travel, fees, etc. will be the responsibility of the individual student. Course enrollment is on a space-available basis.

***Four-Year Graduation Guarantee Eligibility Requirements:**

First-year, full-time students entering Fall Semester 2014 (Class of 2018) will be offered a four-year graduation guarantee, provided the student meets eligibility requirements and signs a Graduation Guarantee Commitment Application (GGCA) within two weeks from the start of classes. The GGCA will include a four-year, semester-to-semester course plan, which will be designed by the student's personal academic advisor to ensure the student's progress toward completing a degree. Provided the student has met the obligations of his or her GGCA, but has not graduated within the four years as planned, Trine University will assume the cost of tuition for any and all additional credit needed toward completion of the student's Trine University degree (does not include any other expenses assumed by the student). All undergraduate degree programs of 120 or more credit hours are eligible (does not extend to double majors, certain foundation students or 3+3 Doctor of Physical Therapy program).

The Student's Commitment:

- Must be a first-year, full-time enrolled student for Fall Semester 2014.
- Must be committed to completing a degree in no more than four years or eight semesters.
- Must personally meet with academic advisor to discuss four-year course plan and sign a Graduation Guarantee Commitment Application within two weeks of the start of class.
- Foundation or Undeclared students must complete deficiencies/prerequisites in a timely manner and select a major by the beginning of Fall Semester 2015 (second year) to have a one-time opportunity to opt in and enroll in the Lifetime Guarantee.
- Must make "satisfactory progress" toward a degree as defined by the requirements of the degree program.
- A student's desire to participate in an internship, co-op or semester/year abroad program will appropriately adjust the four-year course plan and delay the guarantee's program end date.

The University's Commitment:

- A personal academic advisor will be assigned to assist the student in designing a four-year degree plan, and ensure the student's progress to meet the requirement of the plan.
- The personal academic advisor's signature and date on the GGCA will affirm the University's commitment to the Guarantee.
- Personal academic advisor will review (sign off) the student's plan each semester, acknowledging continued compliance with the student's ability to meet prerequisite requirements and "reasonable" correction (i.e. summer school, tutoring, etc.) of any deficiencies.
- A "change of major" is allowed when the personal academic advisor and department chair of the new major have determined the student can "reasonably" comply with the original intent of the guarantee.
- In the unlikely event of the unavailability of a required course, the department chair has the authority to make a course substitution or independent study option to remain in compliance with the guarantee. If this cannot be reasonably accomplished and leads to the student's four-year plan being compromised, the University will assume the cost of any future tuition after the four-year plan period.

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FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION GUARANTEE COMMITMENT APPLICATION 2014-2018

Student's Name (print): _____ **Major** _____

For Fall Semester 2014 first-year, full-time students and their families with the serious desire to control college costs, Trine University offers a "Four-Year Graduation Guarantee" designed specifically to maximize a student's educational experience. Personal advisement and mentoring are key components of the Guarantee.

The Graduation Guarantee Commitment Application (GGCA) will be certified by the student's personal academic advisor provided the student meets eligibility requirements and signs the GGCA

within two weeks from the start of classes. The GGCA includes a four-year, semester-to-semester course plan, which will be designed by the student's personal academic advisor to ensure the student's progress toward completing a Trine University degree. Provided the student has met GGCA obligations, but has not graduated within the four years as planned, Trine University will assume the cost of tuition for all additional credit needed toward completion of the student's Trine degree (does not include any other expenses assumed by the student).

The Student's Commitment:

- Must be a first-year, full-time enrolled student for Fall Semester 2014.
- Must be committed to completing a degree in no more than four years or eight semesters.
- Must personally meet with academic advisor to discuss four-year course plan and sign a Graduation Guarantee Commitment Application within two weeks of the start of classes.
- Foundation or Undeclared students must complete deficiencies/prerequisites in a timely manner and select a major by the beginning of Fall Semester 2015 (second year) to have a one-time opportunity to opt in and enroll in the Lifetime Guarantee.
- Must make "satisfactory progress" toward a degree as defined by the requirements of the degree program.
- A student's desire to participate in an internship, co-op or semester/year abroad program will appropriately adjust the four-year course plan and delay the guarantee's program end date.

The University's Commitment:

- A personal academic advisor will be assigned to assist the student in designing a four-year degree plan, and ensure the student's progress to meet the requirement of the plan.
- The academic advisor's signature and date on the GGCA will affirm the University's commitment to the Guarantee.
- The personal academic advisor will review (sign off) the student's plan each semester, acknowledging continued compliance with the student's ability to meet prerequisite requirements and "reasonable" correction (i.e. summer school, tutoring, etc.) of any deficiencies.
- A "change of major" is allowed when the personal academic advisor and chair of the new major have determined the student can "reasonably" still comply with the original intent of the guarantee.
- In the unlikely event of the unavailability of a required course, the department chair has the authority to make a course substitution or independent study option to remain in compliance with the Guarantee. If this cannot be reasonably accomplished and leads to the student's four-year plan being compromised, the University will assume the cost of any future tuition after the four-year plan.

I have read the above agreement and commit to its terms:

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Personal Academic Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

() Approved () Not Approved – Comments: _____
