



## Partner Guide

Marathon Education Partners is committed to supporting Partners in its Program. Marathon requires Partners to adhere to community legal and moral standards. Partners shall be good citizens and role models for Scholars. Partners shall assist Scholars in their personal and educational achievement.

In addition, the following expectations and policies apply to Partners:

### A. Partner Expectations

#### 1. Financial

- a. Monthly Pledge. Partners pledge \$100 a month for 10 years (or the equivalent annual amount) to the Scholarship Fund.
- b. Fundraisers. Partners are encouraged to participate in Marathon's fundraising events as they are able.

#### 2. Time

- a. With Scholar. Partners shall contact their respective Scholar at least once per month. The contact may be by any means reasonably available to both the Partner and Scholar, including, without limitation, via telephone, postal mail, email, or in person. Partners provide Marathon and the Scholars with current contact information. No Partner will meet with any Scholar or Scholars unless another Partner is present.
- b. Events. Partners shall attend a majority of all Partner/Scholar Events, which are expected to be semi-annual.
- c. Reports to Board. Partners shall provide a report to the Board of the Scholar's academic and personal progress at least once every other year during the Scholar's elementary and middle school years and at least once every year during the Scholar's high school years.

3. **Outreach.** Partners are encouraged to find at least one other Partner to participate in the Program.

### B. Partner Policies

1. **Background Checks.** Partners shall submit to background checks.
2. **Limitation on Gifts.** Partners shall be very judicious with respect to giving gifts to Scholars or their families. In no case shall the value of such gifts exceed \$250 per year.
3. **Activities with Scholars and Partners.** Activities with Scholars and Partners are encouraged, as are activities that involve multiple Partners and Scholars.
4. **Cooperation.** Partners shall cooperate with Marathon with respect to this Guide and other reasonable requests and policies of Marathon in effect from time to time.



## Partner Pledge

The Partner(s) below pledge \$100 per month for 10 years\* (or the equivalent) to the Marathon Education Partners, Inc. Scholarship Fund. I/We understand that as a Marathon Partner, this contribution will be exclusively designated to the Marathon Education Partners Scholarship Fund and that you will match me/us with a Scholar in the Program who is eligible for a scholarship in accordance with its terms and conditions for the granting and sustaining of scholarships.

I/We have been given the Partner Guide and agree to abide by it, including any changes adopted by the Marathon Board of Trustees. I/We understand that my/our failure to abide by the Partner Guide could result in my/our dismissal from the Program, in which event I/we acknowledge that I/we will have no claim to the funds I/we have contributed to Marathon Education Partners, Inc.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### I/We would also like to contribute by:

- Helping bring the story of Marathon Education Partners to others in the community.
- Assisting with the organization of a Marathon Education Partners event.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method:

- My check for my first pledge installment is enclosed and made payable to Marathon Education Partners, Inc.
- By ACH debit beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.
- Please contact me about fulfilling my pledge through the contribution of stock.
- Please contact me about including Marathon Education Partners in my estate plan.
- My company will match my gift. Name of the company: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please bill me:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annually

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Partner

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Partner

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative of Marathon

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*With respect only to the financial obligation of the Partner(s), this is a good faith pledge to make the contributions indicated; it is not a contract. All contributions are appreciated and tax deductible. For all other purposes, this Partner Pledge constitutes an agreement between the Partner(s) and Marathon Education Partners, Inc.