



## Showcase: Parchment Award

Credentials recognize achievement, and earned credentials allow all types of learners to access future opportunities across many different pathways. A learner's opportunity may be to pursue postsecondary education after high school; it could be starting at a two-year college, or later transferring to a four-year university to specialize with a career-focused degree. The credentials that support each learner's unique journey also vary in scope and scale: from transcripts, to badges and comprehensive learner records; from certificates, to diplomas, to professional certifications and licenses - every credential has a context that connects learners with their academic and professional aspirations.

Parchment provides the most advanced technology platform, in service of our mission: to help learner's turn their credentials into opportunities. The Parchment Award service provides credential issuing tools for institutions and organizations to put credentials in a learner's digital wallet, weaving together support for innovative digital forms of credentials alongside the traditional paper formats that are still important; the Parchment Receive service makes securely verifying credentials universal and automated. At the center of Parchment's credentialing technology ecosystem is the Parchment Credential Profile, the lifelong digital account where every learner can access, aggregate, control, store, and share all of the credentials they have earned, across the broad array of institutions and organizations using the platform. Tools within the Parchment platform, including *Parchment Award Diploma Services*, *Certificate Services*, *Badge Services*, and *Comprehensive Learner Record Services* each allow issuers to tap into the vast metadata of Credential Engine's Credential Registry, to link each kind of digital record sent to individual learner's wallet to include metadata published in the Registry.

This integration helps drive the context of credentials in a way traditional paper cannot, by making them data-rich and interactive. These more robust and detailed credentials allow learners to better reflect on their achievements, and enable verifiers to have a more in-depth understanding of the skills and competencies that a learner achieved. [Explore an example digital diploma from Ivy Tech Community College](#) that shows how extending digital credentials with Credential Registry data can empower learners and verifiers to turn extended digital credentials of all types into new opportunities.

Linking credentials issued through Parchment Award to the Credential Registry is a feature included at no additional cost, and is as simple to use as providing the Registry-assigned CTID value for a credential alongside the individual data needed to provide that credential to any learner. These interactive credentials can be shared in a single click across social networks and are verifiable in a single click as well.



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