

GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS OF ILLINOIS
CLASS OF 2010
OVERVIEW

SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee of award-winning teachers reviews all applications and selects 300 finalists to be interviewed. After the interview process, 100 students are chosen to be Golden Apple Scholars.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

ADMISSIONS ASSISTANCE

Each of the 53 university partners has a Golden Apple liaison who assists Scholars with both admission and financial aid questions. The participating universities and colleges are listed in the application.

SUMMER INSTITUTE

The four Summer Institutes are the core of the Scholar program. Scholars receive a \$2,000 stipend per summer for attending the Summer Institutes. In addition, room expenses are paid for by the Scholars program. Participation in the Summer Institutes is **mandatory**.

First and Second Summers:

Scholars attend a five-week residential program at DePaul University where they live on campus in dormitories. The first Summer Institute begins June 2010.

The second Summer Institute, also held at DePaul University, occurs in June 2011.

Scholars spend four mornings a week as an intern in a Chicago school. They reflect on their internship experiences in seminars facilitated by award-winning teachers.

They also participate in a core curriculum of writing, math, computer skills, learning styles and aspects of the art and craft of teaching.

Field trips to Chicago museums and summertime events are part of the Summer Institute experience.

Third Summer:

Scholars elect the option of working away from home or college town in situations such as a full time camp counselor in a residential camp for the full stipend. Other options include working at home or college town with students for at least 25 hours a week in a variety of settings for half-stipend.

Fourth Summer:

Scholars attend an intensive four week residential program tailored to prepare them for student teaching and job placement.

MENTORING

Mentoring is available from the Golden Apple network of award winning teachers and colleagues.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Each Scholar receives a scholarship of \$2500.00 per year for freshman and sophomore years and \$5000 per year for junior and senior years, paid directly to the university or college the Scholar attends. This scholarship is contingent upon completion of a four-year teacher preparation program and maintaining a minimum 2.5 (4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average and teaching in an Illinois school of need for five years.

Summer Institute stipend of \$2,000 per summer.

Total financial package is \$23,000.00.

ASSISTANCE WITH JOB PLACEMENT

The Golden Apple Scholar staff provides job placement assistance through seminars and workshops, counseling, and portfolio preparation.

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WHAT THE PROGRAM ASKS OF THE SCHOLAR IN RETURN

- Earn a bachelor's degree at one of the 53 participating universities or college
- Participate in each of the four Summer Institutes
- Obtain an Illinois teaching certificate (Grades Pre-K through 12)
- Teach for five years in an Illinois early childhood, elementary, middle or secondary school of need

TIME LINE

May 2009 Nominations open

November 2009 Nominations close

February 2010 Selection of Golden Apple Scholars Class of 2010

Spring 2010 Awards Reception

June 2010 Summer Institute begins

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