If you dream of teaching and giving back, Golden Apple Scholars is the answer.

ENTRY POINTS INTO THE GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS PATHWAY PROGRAM:
1. Illinois partner university freshman or sophomore
2. Illinois Community College student

APPLICATION PROCESS:
- Complete online application and 4 essays
- Submit 2 online reference forms
- Submit ACT/SAT test score and transcript

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
- U.S. citizen, eligible non-citizen, or Illinois Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) student
- Standardized Testing (ACT or SAT acceptable):
  - ACT: Prior to 9/1/15: Composite score of 22 or higher and a minimum score of 19 on the Combined English/Writing portion; 9/1/15 and later: Composite score of 22 or higher and a minimum score of 16 on the Writing portion; 9/10/16 and later: Composite score of 22 or higher and a minimum score of 6 on the Writing portion
  - SAT: Prior to 3/5/16: Composite score of 1030 (critical reading + mathematics = 1030 or higher) and a minimum score of 450 on writing; 3/5/16 and later: Composite score of 1110 (evidence-based reading and writing + mathematics = 1110 or higher) and a minimum score of 26 on writing and language

GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS RECEIVE:
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- $2,500 per year for freshman and sophomore years*
- $5,000 per year for junior and senior years*
- $2,000 per Summer Institute
*Paid directly to the university or college. Must maintain a 2.5 (4.0 scale) cumulative GPA and be on track to become a certified teacher

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GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS COMMITMENT:
- Earn a bachelor’s degree at one of the 52 Illinois partner universities or colleges
- Attend paid residential Summer Institutes
- Obtain an Illinois teaching certificate
- Teach for 5 years in an Illinois school-of-need

2016-2017 TIMELINE:
- MAY 2016: Nominations Open
- AUG 2016: Application Open
- JAN/FEB 2017: Interview Selected Applicants
- FEB 15, 2017: Application Closes
- MAR 2017: Recipients Announced
- MAY 2017: Induction Ceremony

Start your journey at goldenapple.org