

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

ADVANCED TEACHER PREPARATION

The residential Summer Institutes are the core of the Scholars program

- Up to 700+ hours of classroom experience and observation
- Instruction from Golden Apple award-winning teachers

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