

THE DON ZIMMERMAN GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2020-2021

The Don Zimmerman Golden Apple Scholarship awards a full scholarship for the Rockford University master's program to a teacher who has shown dedication to the craft of teaching and a passion for the profession. This scholarship will be awarded every other year.

ELIGIBILITY-(Must Meet All):

-) Certified **Pre-K-12th grade** teacher who has completed a minimum of two years as a full-time teacher
-) Currently teaching full-time in a public school or ISBE recognized non-public school in **Winnebago or Boone County**
-) Employed in **good standing** within current school district
-) Maintain a minimum **2.5 GPA**
-) Must have applied for admittance to Rockford University's master's program prior to application submission.

PROCESS:

-) Complete application packet and submit to the Golden Apple Foundation office by **5 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2020.**
-) Type or print clearly. If using a computer or word processor, you may use your own paper, but only use the amount of space and size of paper indicated on the application.
-) Complete all four required components of the **Application Packet:**

- A. Background Information-** Include most relevant information for this process.
- B. Self-Reflective Essay-** Submit no more than three double-spaced, typed pages with no smaller than font size 10. *Do not* staple your application materials. ***Provide an in-depth answer, including specific illustrative examples to this question: Tell us about your commitment to teaching. How would a scholarship affect you, your students and your school?***
Your essay allows our selection committee to understand the importance of the work you do as a teacher and how the scholarship could make a difference.
- C. Letters of Recommendation-** Provide two and only two letters of recommendation. Be sure at least one is from your principal, who is familiar with your classroom teaching and can verify that you are a teacher in good standing. Each person sending a recommendation letter must include his/her name, address and relationship to the applicant.
- D. Authorization-** Attest to authorization and eligibility criteria with signature.

SEND COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

Golden Apple Foundation, Rockford University-Scarborough Hall, Room 9
5050 E. State St. Rockford, IL 61108-2393
Email: info@goldenappleofrockford.com
Fax: 815-394-5014 (Call office at 815-226-4180 to confirm received)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Personal E-mail: _____ School E-mail: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Principal's Signature: _____

AUTHORIZATION:

The thoughts and information expressed in this application are my own and I give my permission to Golden Apple Foundation to use the enclosed information in the selection process. I hereby confirm that I meet all the eligibility criteria as listed.

SIGNATURE

DATE

For questions or more information, call the Golden Apple Foundation office at 815/226-4180.

Current Grade Level/Subjects: _____

Years at Present School: _____ **Total Years Teaching Experience:** _____

<u>Prior Grade Levels/Subjects Taught</u>	<u>Years</u>

DEGREE	MAJOR	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	DATE DEGREE AWARDED

Professional Recognition and Honors: _____

Professional Development within the Past Five Years: _____

School Related Activities/Responsibilities: _____

Community Involvement: _____

AWARDS PROCESS:

-) Complete application packet, including background information, essay, and two letters of recommendation.
-) Submit to the Golden Apple Foundation office by 5 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2020.
-) **Selection committee reviews and evaluates applications based on:**
 - 1) Background Information
 - 2) In-depth insight provided in essay, utilizing **specific illustrative examples**
 - 3) Well-organized, well-written, grammatically correct essay
 - 4) Two supporting letters of recommendation
-) Three semi-finalists selected for interviews by May 30, 2020
-) Interviews conducted of finalists during the first week of June
-) Scholarship recipient announced Monday, June 15, 2020

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- ___ **Scholarship application packet**
- ___ **Completed background information form**
- ___ **Self-reflective essay**
- ___ **Two letters of recommendation**
- ___ **Signed authorization**
- ___ **Documented application to Rockford University indicating MAT or M.Ed.**