

The Dual Degree Program (DDP) Chicago STAR Scholars Scholarship is a competitive, merit-based scholarship. This scholarship is open to students who are enrolled in the GSU Dual Degree Program, are enrolled in the Chicago STAR Scholars program, are active members of their community college Honors Program or chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, have a 3.25 or above GPA, and meet the criteria below. There are two (2) scholarship categories: one scholarship award covers \$2,000 for books/campus dining (\$1,000 per year, \$500 per fall and spring semester) for a maximum of four (4) semesters; and the other covers the cost of an Academic Year contract (valuing \$6,316) in Prairie Place Residence Hall for a maximum of two (2) years.

### Application Deadlines

The deadlines to submit an application with required documents are listed below (scholarships are not awarded for Summer semesters):

**Fall 2021**  
February 26, 2021

**Spring 2022**  
October 7, 2021

### Criteria

- Participation in the GSU Dual Degree Program (must have enrolled in DDP the semester prior to the scholarship application term)
- Must have met with DDP Transfer Specialist each semester as required by DDP, and enrolled full-time up through final semester at community college
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale at time of application and time of transfer
- Currently enrolled in the Chicago STAR Scholars program at the City Colleges of Chicago
- Participation in current community college Honors Program or Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society membership
- Plan to enroll full-time at GSU in the fall or spring semester immediately following completion of Associate degree
- First time transfer students only

### Application Procedures

1. Complete an application for admission to GSU (recommend completion 2 to 3 weeks in advance of scholarship deadline).
2. Complete the DDP Chicago STAR Scholars Scholarship application.
3. Submit a personal statement that is no more than three (3) double spaced, type-written pages describing the following:
  - a. Your academic/professional experience and goals and how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve those goals;
  - b. Your community service, extracurricular activities, and leadership skills and experience.
4. Submit two (2) completed and signed DDP Chicago STAR Scholars Scholarship Recommendation Forms from a community college advisor counselor, a faculty member, staff member, or administrator who are knowledgeable about your academic potential and professional character. (If more than two Recommendation Forms are submitted, only the first two received by the Director will be reviewed.)
5. Complete the FAFSA application online; FAFSA results must be retrievable by GSU within two weeks after application deadline. (Pell and/or Map grant eligibility is not required, but completion of the FAFSA is still required.)
6. Submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities you have attended. Official transcripts can be submitted directly to GSU with admissions application, or to the Director of DDP with scholarship application materials.
7. The DDP Chicago STAR Scholars Scholarship application and all required documents must be received by the deadline.

### Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities

- Maintain a semester and cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale to maintain scholarship eligibility.
- Enroll full-time -- a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours -- each semester at GSU (exception for final semester at GSU, so long as all graduation requirements are being met.)
- The recipient of the campus housing scholarship must be eligible to live in Prairie Place and must submit a housing application by the required deadline. All residents of Prairie Place must be GSU students. Visit [www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing) for information about Prairie Place.
- Enroll and participate in the GSU Honors Program and assist with DDP activities as needed.
- Every semester, submit a statement to the Director of DDP that describes your active participation in the GSU community (i.e. DDP activities, student clubs, programs, committees, community service, etc.) and/or your local community (ongoing volunteerism, service projects, etc.). This is due on December 15 for Fall semester and May 15 for Spring semester.
- The scholarship ends after four (4) semesters (not including summers), or at the completion of the student's bachelor's degree program, whichever comes first.
- Failure to meet any of the above obligations may result in termination of the recipient's scholarship eligibility.

### Submit the DDP Chicago STAR Scholar Scholarship application and required documents to:

GSU Dual Degree Program  
Attn: Jessica Specht, Room A2128  
1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484

**Contact Us:** Jessica Specht • Director of DDP • 708.534.4494 • [dualdegree@govst.edu](mailto:dualdegree@govst.edu)



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# DDP Chicago STAR Scholars Scholarship Application

Current member of the Chicago STAR Scholars program at the City Colleges of Chicago      Yes      No  
Current member of community college Honors Program or Phi Theta Kappa      Yes      No  
Current GPA of at least 3.25      Yes      No  
Enrolled in DDP prior to the current semester      Yes      No

**If you answered 'No' to either of the above, you are not eligible for this scholarship.**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cel Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated semester enrollment at GSU \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated GSU Major \_\_\_\_\_

## List of previous colleges/universities you have attended

College/University	Year of Attendance
1. _____	
2. _____	
3. _____	
4. _____	

## Application Checklist (All requirements, including receipt of transcripts, must be met by the application deadline)

Completed DDP Chicago STAR Scholars Scholarship application

Personal statement

Two (2) sealed recommendation forms<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Recommendation Forms for remote delivery options

Official transcripts from all colleges or universities you have attended

<sup>2</sup> Recommended to be delivered electronically to [apotranscripts@govst.edu](mailto:apotranscripts@govst.edu)

Transcripts have been sent to<sup>2</sup>:      Director of DDP      GSU Admissions

Completed and updated FAFSA with GSU's Financial Aid code (009145) included in "School Selection" section

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\* If applying for multiple scholarships, only one set of official transcripts and two Recommendations Forms are required. Duplicate documents are not necessary.

- **Illinois Dreamers and undocumented applicants are eligible to apply for the DDP Chicago STAR Scholars Scholarship.**
- If awarded, students are responsible for maintaining active participation in the GSU Honors Program, which includes separate requirements to earn "University Honors" at the completion of his or her bachelor's degree.
- Students must include social security number on GSU's secure admissions application in order for FAFSA information to be retrieved and verified on time (Dreamers and undocumented applicants are not advised to complete the FAFSA. An Illinois Residency Affidavit will be required in place of the FAFSA.)
- If your FAFSA is selected for verification by GSU's Office of Financial Aid, you will have two weeks to submit all required documentation.
- *In the event you no longer meet the above criteria, you will no longer be eligible for the DDP Chicago STAR Scholars Scholarship.*