Frequently Asked Questions about the DDP Honors Scholarship

How much money will the DDP Honors Scholarship be worth to me?

The total amount of the scholarship is not fixed, and may vary by student. This scholarship will cover all tuition and fees for up to (4) four semesters. Tuition costs will vary according to number of credit hours. All student fees (i.e. mandatory course fees, technology fees, student activity fees, etc.) will also be covered.

I also meet the requirements for the GSU Promise Scholarship. Can I apply for both?

Yes. DDP students who have a 3.5 or above GPA, and are members of their community college Honors Program or Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, and are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant are welcome and encouraged to apply for both the DDP Honors and GSU Promise Scholarships. However, applicants can only receive one or the other.

To apply for both scholarships, applicants must submit both the DDP Honors Scholarship application form and the GSU Promise Scholarship application form. However, applicants can use the exact same essay, recommendation forms, and transcripts for both. Recommenders do NOT have to complete separate DDP Honors and GSU Promise Recommendation Forms.

How do I submit my FAFSA information?

All scholarship applicants must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before November 1*, every year of enrollment. However, DDP Honors Scholarship applicants do NOT have to be eligible for federal or state financial aid.

The FAFSA is free! There are no fees to process the FAFSA, whether you apply online or on paper. The easiest way to complete and submit a FAFSA is online at www.fafsa.gov. Your FAFSA results are electronically sent to GSU if you provide the Governors State Federal School Code on your FAFSA. The Federal School Code for Governors State University is 009145. For questions about your FAFSA or other financial aid issues, please contact the GSU Office of Financial Aid directly at 708.534.4480.

*If your FAFSA is not completed by November 1, you can still apply for the scholarship. However, there may be a delay in processing your scholarship application. Moreover, you CANNOT officially be awarded this scholarship unless GSU has received your completed and verified FAFSA results.

I am a Dreamer/DACA student. I cannot complete the FAFSA. Can I apply for the DDP Honors scholarship?

GSU is dedicated to supporting DDP students in their educational pursuits, regardless of citizenship status. Illinois Dreamers and undocumented applicants are eligible to apply for the DDP Honors Scholarship. An Illinois Residency Affidavit will be required in place of the FAFSA.