

## **Frequently Asked Questions about the DDP Chicago STAR Scholars Scholarship**

### **I also meet the requirements for the GSU Promise and/or the DDP Honors Scholarship. Can I apply for multiple DDP awards?**

Yes. DDP students who are eligible to apply for more than one of the DDP scholarships, may do so. However, applicants can only accept and receive one DDP scholarship. If chosen by the multiple award committees, the student will have the opportunity to decide which award would best support their educational and financial needs.

To apply for multiple scholarships, applicants must submit an *application form* for each of the respective awards the student would like to be considered for. However, applicants can use the exact same essay, recommendation forms, and transcripts for all purposes. Recommenders do NOT have to complete separate DDP Honors, GSU Promise, or DDP Chicago STAR Scholars Recommendation Forms.

### **I did not participate in the Chicago STAR Scholars program at the City Colleges of Chicago. May I still apply for this award?**

This award opportunity was specifically designed in partnership with the City Colleges of Chicago and the Chicago STAR Scholars Program, only those who participated are eligible to apply. However, there are other award opportunities on the [www.govst.edu/scholarships/](http://www.govst.edu/scholarships/) website that you may qualify for!

### **If I want to apply for the fall housing contract, do I have to apply for housing in advance?**

Yes, you must apply for University Housing by the appropriate deadline. Please see GSU's University Housing website for application details and deadlines: [www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing)

### **I am awarded the one-year housing contract in Prairie Place Residence Hall, what type of room do I get?**

The award is valued at the cost of one academic year contract for a semi suite, double occupancy bedroom. If you wish to apply for a more private room, you would be responsible for the difference in cost above the value of the scholarship. To see the floor plan and rates for Prairie Place Residence Hall, visit [www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing).

### **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](http://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.