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 and/or DDP Chicago STAR Scholar Scholarship. Can I apply for both?

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.

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 <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>. 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 <u>Illinois Residency Affidavit</u> will be required in place of the FAFSA.