

## Commitment Letter

For the Golden Apple Foundation to accomplish its goal of fostering improvement in education for our state, your recognition includes becoming a Scholar of the Golden Apple Academy, whose members assume the following responsibilities.

- Each Scholar must be graduating no later than May 2008 and must have already applied/been accepted to a New Mexico college, university or community college.
- Each Scholar is expected to participate fully in the activities of the Golden Apple Institute Program, which begins June 1 and ends July 11, 2008.
- As a Scholar, we will invite you to participate in Summer Institutes every summer as you progress through college adding new responsibilities and tools in your work at becoming an outstanding teacher.
- Each Scholar is expected to teach in New Mexico for three years after graduation.

### ***Make sure you and your principal sign this sheet.***

If chosen, I understand and agree to accept the responsibilities of participating in the Golden Apple Scholars Institute and the honors of becoming a member of the Golden Apple Learning Community.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*For your principal:*

I understand that \_\_\_\_\_  
has applied to be a Golden Apple Scholar for the summer of 2008. In support of his/her continued education and dedication to his/her future career, I support him/her in this application process.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Guidelines for Selection Committee Letter

What should people know about you? The letter introducing yourself to the selection committee is an opportunity to highlight your best qualities.

The letter should be 2-3 pages and cover at least two of the following topics.

- Why do you want to be a part of this program?
- What accomplishments in your life are you most proud of?
- What do you consider to be your strengths, and what areas do you want to improve upon?
- What obstacles have you faced, and how have you overcome them?
- What has led you to consider teaching as a career?
- Have you had a life-changing teacher? If so, what were that teacher's most important qualities?

Be specific and detailed. This is our chief insight into who YOU are.

## Guidelines For Teacher's Letter

Please include teacher's full name, address, phone number and grade(s)/ subject(s) taught.

This letter should come from a teacher who knows you well. The letter should describe you as a learner and answer the following questions.

- What makes you believe that this student might become an excellent teacher?
- What will this student contribute to a group of peers interested in teaching?

Be as specific as possible. We are looking for a vivid portrait of the applicant.



**Golden Apple Foundation of NM**

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**Are YOU  
a senior in  
high school  
interested in  
becoming  
a teacher?**

**APPLY for the Golden Apple Foundation's  
Pathway to Teaching Program  
June 1 - July 11, 2008**

# Golden Apple 2008 Summer Institute



## What Is it?

As a Golden Apple Pathway Scholar you will:

- Participate in interactive and enjoyable sessions about learning to teach and preparing for college.
- Develop a new set of friendships with other future teachers.
- Learn from some of the best teachers in New Mexico.
- Work with children.
- Get paid \$2500.
- Have your room and board paid.



## How Do I Apply?

Begin YOUR application online at: [www.GoldenAppleNM.org/scholars.html](http://www.GoldenAppleNM.org/scholars.html)

To complete the application, please mail the following materials:

- Personal Information Cover Sheet (can be completed online);
- Commitment Letter;
- A copy of your high school transcript (include class standing, if available);
- A copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores;
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher;
- A letter introducing yourself to the selection committee.

Application must be postmarked **NO LATER than Friday, February 1, 2008** no exceptions. These materials must be mailed to:

Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico  
2403 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Suite W20  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Admission is on a competitive basis. Selections will be made no later than March 21, 2008.

Interviews with finalists will be held Saturday, March 1 or Saturday, March 8 at New Mexico Tech. Please be available on both these dates.

## What If I'm Accepted?

You will spend six weeks — Sunday, June 1 to Friday, July 11 — in the Golden Apple Pathway Summer Institute in Albuquerque, NM. Your room and board is included.

As one of 64 seniors selected, you will be designated as a **Golden Apple Pathway Scholar** and will participate in Summer Institutes every summer as you progress through college adding something NEW each year to the tools and strategies you will need to become an outstanding teacher.

Your acceptance into the program will be recognized at our 2008 Tribute to Teacher Excellence event scheduled for April 11. Your school and district will be recognized during this event.



*"It has been such an amazing experience getting to know so many caring people who I can keep in touch with."*

*"I really enjoyed having a partner to share my ideas and fears with."*

*"The children really appreciated and accepted us as their teachers and their friends!"*

*"Working with students was the best experience I could have asked for. It gave me reassurance that this is where I want to be."*



## Application - Personal Information Cover Sheet Golden Apple 2008 Pathway Summer Institute

Begin your application with attached form and mail or complete at the Golden Apple website.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the program (provide name)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you intend to attend college? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

### Short Answer Questions

At this point in your life what do you imagine yourself teaching? (grade level, subject area(s))  
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Who inspires you and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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