

MEMO TO: Superintendents, Principals, School Counselors and Coordinators responsible for the Nomination of Governor's Scholar Applicants to the State level

AND TO: GSP Applicants and their parents/legal guardians

FROM: Aristofanes Cedeño, Executive Director

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1. Notification to Applicants of the Status of Their Application

All of us associated with the Governor's Scholars Program sincerely hope that this message finds you and your family both safe and well during these unusual times. While we are planning for a full five-week summer program, like all of you, we continue following the public health circumstances related to COVID-19, not only as individuals concerned for our families, friends, and coworkers, but with an eye on its potential impact to GSP 2021.

Please know that our first area of concern each and every year is with the safety, health, and well-being of our students. While we have no way of knowing what the coming weeks will hold, the fact that our program is not scheduled to begin until mid-June does provide us with time to evaluate options as/if needed.

Originally, in our Important Dates Calendar, we had announced April 9th, 2021 as the last day for the Governor's Scholars Program to mail notification letters. The State-wide Selection Committee is diligently working on the selection of our 2021 Governor's Scholars, but they will need a few extra days to finish the selection process including the printing of letters and documents, and so we appreciate your kind understanding. The original deadlines for the schools and school districts to submit their applications to our office were extended for two weeks to accommodate the difficult circumstances that students faced regarding the ACT or similar tests offerings in 2020 and early 2021. That extension has somewhat delayed the selection process.

Therefore, we are postponing the notification status of the application until mid-week (April 12-16). On Monday, April 12th, or earlier if possible, we will place on this website a more concrete date and time. Please keep checking this site as the official means of communication.

2. Process of Notification

Once again, we will honor the expectations of Superintendents, Principals, School Counselors and Coordinators responsible for the nomination of Governor's Scholar Applicants to the State level by sending a report to them prior to our mailing to the students.

One or two days later, the Governor's Scholars Program Frankfort Office will mail letters to student applicants letting them know whether they have been selected as a 2021 Governor's Scholar, placed as alternates, or they have not been selected. The letters will go to the home address of the applicant as it appears on the personal information page of the application.