

**MEMO TO:** Notified Applicants to the 2020 Governor's Scholars Program and their Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)

**FROM:** Aristofanes Cedeño, Executive Director

**DATE:** April 20, 2020

By now, most applicants have received their notifications (if not, it should arrive no later than Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>). The letters were sent to the home address of the applicant as it appears on the personal information page of the application.

In the event you have not received your letter within the same timeframe as other applicants, please wait until Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> before contacting us. Per our prior recommendation, [please refer to the Memo to Superintendents et al.](#) placed on our website [gsp.ky.gov](http://gsp.ky.gov) on Thursday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

We are grateful for your patience as our staff continues working from home and has no access to the hard copies of the applications which are filed in our Frankfort office. I am reiterating in the next paragraphs some points that we mentioned in the respective letters:

1. ALTERNATES

I would like to reiterate that if the Governor's Scholars Program is able to offer its onsite campus summer programs, a decision not yet made, and which depends on so many factors under the current circumstances, we will begin contacting Alternates at a date yet to be determined and as/if an opening becomes available. Until/if you hear from us, no further action is needed on your part.

2. NON-ACCEPTED STUDENTS

You may be naturally disappointed by this decision. Because our staff is currently working from home, we may not be able to answer questions from applicants or parents/legal guardians in the same fashion as in the past. The hard copies of the applications are filed in our office which may make it more difficult for our staff to address all questions that will arise in your mind. We ask for your patience and understanding.

3. ACCEPTED STUDENTS

The circumstances facing our world and the uncertainty of the foreseeable future force us to diligently work with our host campuses and staff to create a plan to convene the 2020 class prioritizing our first area of concern every year, the safety and well-being of our scholars. At this time, we are planning on a summer program taking place, with potential dates slightly different from those originally announced and considering the possibility of shortening the originally planned five weeks.

This plan contemplates the last few days of June and the month of July as the timeframe for the onsite GSP. Ultimately, any plan will depend on other decisions and directives, including but not limited to the Office of the Governor and our campuses.

Towards the end of April, but most likely in early May, we will be in touch with updates, but please keep checking the GSP website, [gsp.ky.gov](http://gsp.ky.gov), for official communication. At the appropriate time, we will send detailed information regarding documents to be submitted along with your intention to accept nomination as a Governor's Scholar and confirmation of attendance (if you are unable, or plan to attend another program - you can let us know at that time). In the meantime, we are grateful for your patience as all of our staff is working from home.