



NEW Scholars Program Info Sheet for Students & Families

NEW Scholars is a program of Scholarships, Inc. that supports area students on their path to higher education by becoming college success and scholarship ready. This pilot program will inspire growth and encourage middle school students to develop their full potential by engaging them in activities that will complement the regular school day.

NEW Scholars sets itself apart from other college readiness programs in the area by offering an incentive-based scholarship, active parent participation, and a long-term commitment to the student and parents.

Program & Eligibility

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- NEW Scholars will focus on **reading, writing** and **character development**
 - The program is offered to **first generation** college-bound students from low to moderate income families who are **motivated to learn and succeed**
 - First generation students are those whose parents have not earned a Bachelor or Associates degree
 - This elite group of fifth grade students will attend Washington or Edison Middle Schools beginning in sixth grade and be on track to attend East and Preble High Schools
 - These students will be selected based on their demonstrated desire for learning and personal development
 - NEW Scholars middle school students will continue on in the program as they attend East or Preble High Schools and through their first semester of college
 - Key to student success will be active involvement of parent/custodial caregiver. Parents will be required to attend a workshop one Saturday each month, where they will receive guidance and support of their child's higher education goals
 - Students who complete the program, graduate from high school, and are admitted to college will earn up to a **\$5,000 college scholarship** based on an incentive program
 - After the three-year middle school pilot program, the NEW Scholars cohort will progress to a high school-level curriculum

Location

- After-school transportation will be provided from Edison & Washington Middle Schools to the Salvation Army Kroc Center

Calendar

- Application deadline: March 2015
- Notification of acceptance to program participants: April 2015
- The first group of NEW Scholars students will be introduced at the 2015 Lamp of Knowledge Celebration in July 2015
- Week-long summer academy: August 2015
- NEW Scholars participants will meet one day each week during the school year (3:00-6:00 PM)
- Parent/custodial caregivers are responsible for picking up their student after each session
- Parent/custodial caregivers attend a workshop once per month on a Saturday

How to Get Involved

- Applications are available on our website: www.scholarshipsinc.org
- Students or parent/custodial caregiver may also call the Scholarships, Inc. office to apply: (920) 857-9088 (se habla español)

There is no cost to students who are selected to participate in NEW Scholars