



FREDERICK VON STEUBEN METROPOLITAN SCIENCE CENTER  
 5039 N. KIMBALL AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60625 ATTN: RACHEL MAYER, COORDINATOR

**SCHOLARS PROGRAM**  
**2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATION**

Steps 1 and 2 are to be completed by the *applicant*.

**1** Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Present School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Racial/Ethnic Background:**  
 Choose only *one* category  
 White, Non-Hispanic  
 Black, Non-Hispanic  
 American Indian/Alaskan Native  
 Asian/Pacific Islander  
 Hispanic

**Gender:**  
 Female  
 Male

**Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any siblings currently attending Von Steuben?** YES NO  
 Sibling Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Essay Requirement  
 On a separate sheet of paper, prepare a well-organized essay that addresses the following: **Discuss something that you have read (short story, essay, or novel, etc.) and how it has influenced you, possibly changing your mind about something.** This essay should be long enough to clearly support, develop and conclude the topic you choose.

Steps 3-5 are **CONFIDENTIAL** and are to be completed by elementary school personnel **AFTER** the student has completed Steps 1 and 2. The completed application is to be placed in an envelope, ***sealed and signed by the counselor or principal***, and received by Von Steuben no later than **December 18, 2009**. *Incomplete applications and applications received after that date will not be considered.* Please allow time for mail to arrive at the school by this date.

**3** Teacher Recommendation (to be completed by a teacher who has worked with the student in a core subject area):  
 The teacher recommendation form is located on the back of the application or can be downloaded at <http://www.vonsteuben.org/>. The recommendation is **confidential** and must be completed by the teacher **AFTER** the student has completed parts 1 and 2 of the application. The recommending teacher must give the completed recommendation form to the counselor for submission with the application.

**4** Test Scores and Grade Information (to be completed by the counselor):  
**Students without scores of at least 77<sup>th</sup> percentile in ISAT Reading, Math and Science will NOT be considered for the Scholars Program lottery.** Enrollment in the Scholars Program is contingent upon maintaining 77<sup>th</sup> percentile on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade test. Students who apply to the Scholars lottery without the 77<sup>th</sup> percentile will be placed in the general lottery.

ISAT Scores: Reading Score \_\_\_\_\_ Math Score \_\_\_\_\_ Science Score \_\_\_\_\_

**Counselor Checklist: Please include ALL of the following with this application:**  
 1) complete application form 2) teacher recommendation form 3) student essay  
 4) copy of 7<sup>th</sup> grade ISAT scores 5) copy of cumulative grade card 6) copy of front and back of 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card

Counselor's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**5** **School Official's**  
 Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Von Steuben Scholars Program Teacher Recommendation Form

(To be completed by a teacher who has worked with the student in a core subject area)

The recommendation is *confidential* and must be completed by the teacher AFTER the student has completed parts 1 and 2 of the application. The recommending teacher must give the completed recommendation form to the counselor for submission with the application.

**The Von Steuben Scholars Program is an integrated educational curriculum designed for high achieving students who require an accelerated academic challenge.** Members of the program must

- maintain a minimum weighted GPA of 3.5,
- take at least 4 honors/AP level classes during freshman and senior years,
- take at least 5 honors/AP level classes during sophomore and junior years, and
- complete 60 hours of service learning by the end of their junior year (50% more than the average student).

In recognition of their hard work,

- Scholars are invited to special academic and non-academic field trips and
- a letter explaining this unique program accompanies their transcripts in their college applications.

For more information about the Von Steuben Scholars Program, please visit <http://www.vonsteuben.org>.

Recommender's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Subject area \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student in each of the following categories as they apply to the program described above.

	highly recommend	recommend	recommend with reservations	do not recommend	unable to observe
Intellectual ability					
Academic performance					
Work ethic					
Motivation					
Initiative					
Maturity					
Independence					
Perseverance					
Creativity & originality					
Leadership ability/potential					
Personal character/behavior					
Concern for others					
Ability to work with others					
Potential for growth					
Attendance					
Overall potential to succeed in the program					

Please include any other information you feel would help the Admissions Committee. Use a separate sheet if needed.

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