

Roberts Wesleyan University has joined forces with News 8 and Advantage Federal Credit Union to award three \$10,000 "Golden Apple Scholarships." In light of the current and future teacher shortage, we are working to prepare more, highly-qualified teachers to educate our youth.

Effective starting the 2023-24 academic year, Roberts Wesleyan University awards three annual academic scholarship to aspiring teachers:

- One incoming undergraduate student (first time freshman or transfer student)
- One incoming adult degree completion student (Pathway to Teaching student)
- One incoming graduate student (Must have a bachelor's degree and be seeking initial certification in Early Childhood, Childhood or Adolescence Education)

Scholarship Next Steps:

- STEP 1: Submit the Golden Apple Scholarship application form, visit: www.roberts.edu/ GoldenApple. NOTE: be sure to select the teacher education program you plan to apply to!
- STEP 2: Submit your application essay.
 - In 250 500 words, please respond to the following questions. What sets "Golden Apple" teachers apart from the rest? How will you inspire your students to become lifelong learners?
 - Email essay to admissions@roberts.edu
- STEP 3: If you haven't already, apply to one of the initial certification teaching programs listed below:
 - Traditional Undergraduate Students apply at: www.roberts.edu/apply
 - Adult Degree Completion Students (Pathway to Teaching) apply at: www.roberts.edu/apply-now
 - Graduate Students (Education, M.Ed) apply at: www.roberts.edu/apply-now

Scholarship Rules:

All scholarship applicants must apply and be accepted to a teacher education program leading to initial certification at Roberts Wesleyan University to be considered. (See Scholarship Dates and Deadlines).

Scholarship recipients will be selected by a scholarship committee of admissions professionals and teaching faculty at Roberts Wesleyan University. The Golden Apple Scholarship total of \$10,000 each are not paid out up front, but will be divided evenly over the entire length of the program to each winner. Recipients must enroll as full-time students in a program starting in August 2024. Scholarship requires the recipient to remain in a Teacher Education program or major at Roberts. The total of all grants and scholarships (including federal Pell and NYS TAP) cannot exceed 100% of tuition. For Pathway to Teaching and M.Ed. students, the scholarship cannot be combined with any other Roberts aid including scholarships, grants, and partnership discounts. Roberts faculty, staff, and dependents are not eligible for the scholarship.

Important Golden Apple Scholarship Dates and Deadlines 2023-24:

- Scholarship Application Available: October 1, 2023
- Scholarship and college applications deadline: April 17, 2024
- Scholarship Winners Notified: April 24, 2024
- Scholarship Winners recognized on live television: June 2024
- Scholarship Winners begin teaching programs at Roberts: August 2024

For more information about our Teacher Education programs or to ask questions, please contact:

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