

Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center Scholars Program Supplemental Form

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CURRICULUM

Academic courses are offered at honors and Advanced Placement levels. Von Steuben has well established connections with local colleges and universities for students who require a curriculum beyond our extensive offerings.

SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

Scholars must maintain an overall **3.5 GPA** to remain in the program.

Scholars must earn **60** hours of community service prior to graduation, **30** of which must be completed by the end of the sophomore year.

Scholars will be responsible for all honors class requirements, including summer reading, Science Fair and History Fair projects.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Years</u>
Honors or AP English	4
Honors or AP Science	4
Honors or AP Mathematics	4
Honors or AP Social Studies	3
Honors or AP World Language	2
(4 years of World Language are highly recommended)	
Physical Education	2
Fine Arts	2

Any additional CPS graduation requirements

SCHOLARS ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants must have attained a **minimum** of stanine 7 in reading, math and science on seventh grade standardized tests.

Scholars Annual Fee: \$100
Freshmen Scholar has an additional fee for the overnight trip (fee to be determined).

Incoming freshmen who have been selected for the Scholars Program must maintain the required stanine of 7 in reading, math and science on their eighth grade standardized tests to remain in the program. If scores fall below the stanine 7, students will be programmed into classes that best match their ability level.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students interested in applying to Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center must fill out a Magnet Schools application either on-line at: www.apply.cps.edu or use a paper application available at www.cpscae.org

When filling out an application, use black or blue ink only, CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY, do not photocopy, do not staple, do not allow letters or numbers to touch line of the squares.

Mail completed application to:

Office of Academic Enhancement
Attention: Magnet High Schools Application
125 S. Clark Street, 4th floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Mail completed essay (essay prompt and rubric can be found on www.vonsteuben.org) & supplemental form to:

Brad Rossi, Scholars Coordinator
Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center
5039 N. Kimball Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60625

IMPORTANT DATES

- Open House will be held on **Saturday, November 5, 2011**. General presentations and tours begin at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Scholars Program presentation will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- Applications must be sent to Office of Academic Enhancement and postmarked no later than **December 16, 2011**.
- In **January 2012**, the CPS Board of Education will conduct a computerized lottery.
- Notification of lottery results (acceptance/non-acceptance) will be sent home after **March 2012**.
- Accepted students must respond by **April 2012**, in writing, that they will be attending Von Steuben. Students who do not respond will forfeit the opportunity to enroll.
- Those who are accepted will be notified when to attend Incoming Freshman Registration in **April 2012**.

Von Steuben Scholars Program Teacher Recommendation Form

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

This recommendation is *confidential* and must be completed by the teacher. The recommending teacher must give the completed recommendation form to the counselor for submission with the essay.

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,
- enroll in a rigorous class schedule consisting primarily of honors and/or AP level courses, 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/scholars>

Applicant's Name (please print) _____ ID Number _____ School Name: _____

Recommender's Name (please print) _____ Subject area _____

Recommender's Signature _____ Phone # or Email _____ School Name: _____

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

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

	Highly Recommend	Recommend	Do Not Recommend	No Basis
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				
