



The JoEllen Bolden Memorial Scholarship

Presented by the Arbor Park PTO



JoEllen Bolden

Ms. Bolden taught sixth grade language arts, reading, and French at Arbor Park Middle School for over thirty years. Her dedication to teaching reached beyond the classroom and into the award winning year book and the National Junior Honor Society. Ms. Bolden was a Golden Apple nominee and a team leader in curriculum and content development.

This scholarship is designed to recognize a future teacher that will carry on Ms. Bolden's enthusiasm for teaching. It is with great honor that the APSD PTO administers and awards this scholarship each year in memory of Ms. Bolden

To be considered for the JoEllen Bolden Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a graduate of APMS
- Eligible to graduate from accredited high school in current academic year
- Accepted into a college or university for consecutive academic year
- Declare Education as a major
- Complete, sign and include attached application, essays, and teacher recommendation

Only complete applications will be considered

Considered applications will be scored and weighted as follows:

- Essay (50%)
- Academics (15%)
- Activities/Service (15%)
- Teacher Recommendation (10%)
- Personal Accomplishment Statement (10%)

All applications are judged by SD 145 staff and PTO members
The decisions of the judges are final.

Questions can be directed to Barbie Exline exlineb@whitecastle.com 708-655-0825

The JoEllen Bolden Scholarship Application

Application Checklist

All components must be included to be considered. Regrettably, incomplete applications will not be considered

Completed Application on following page including any additional pages needed(15% of score)

Official Transcript(s) (15% of score)

Essay (50% of score)

must be typewritten in a 12 point font, **not to exceed one page**
Choose one of the topics on application (Please circle your choice)

Personal Accomplishment Statement (10% of score)

Describe for the judges a significant experience in your life that that has made an impact on the person you are today. Must be typewritten in a 12 point font, **not to exceed one page**.

Teacher recommendation letter (10% of score)

Completed checklist, including release signature

*I certify the statements in this scholarship application are true.
I grant the Arbor Park PTO permission to use all of the data to determine eligibility for scholarships awarded and administered by the Arbor Park PTO.
I give the Arbor Park PTO permission to use my name and picture for publication, reports, and press releases.*

I understand that the scholarship will be awarded at the APMS PTO Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7PM. If selected, I will attend and read my essay.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Friday May 1, 2020 by 3PM

The JoEllen Bolden Scholarship Application

APPLICATION

Recipients of this scholarship will receive their award at the APMS PTO Meeting on May 14, 2020 at 7PM. The winner will read their essay at the concert. Applications must be received in district office by May 1, 2020 by 3PM.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Yr Graduated APMS _____

Currently Employed? Yes No Hours/week: _____

College, University or Trade School that you will attend: _____ Major: _____

Extracurricular Activities: (15%) *Use additional sheets if needed*

Club/Organization	Role(s)	Dates
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Choose One Of The Following Essay Topics:

Please circle your choice. The essay comprises 50% of your score.

1. Describe a change that you would make to our education system to improve opportunities for future students.
2. Describe a positive change that can be made in teaching methods and the affect it would have on the students.
3. What is your best skill or attribute, how have you developed this attribute during your time in high school and how will it contribute to your ability to be a good teacher?

Submit completed applications to:
Arbor Park School District 145
ATTN: J. Bolden Scholarship Committee
17301 S. Central Avenue
Oak Forest, IL 60452