



# What is 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars?



A program that awards you \$8,000/year for college tuition

# What do you have to do to receive the money?

- Turn in application form signed by your parent during 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Receive acceptance letter.
- Keep your grades at a C average.
- Graduate from high school.
- Stay out of trouble. (No drugs or alcohol.)

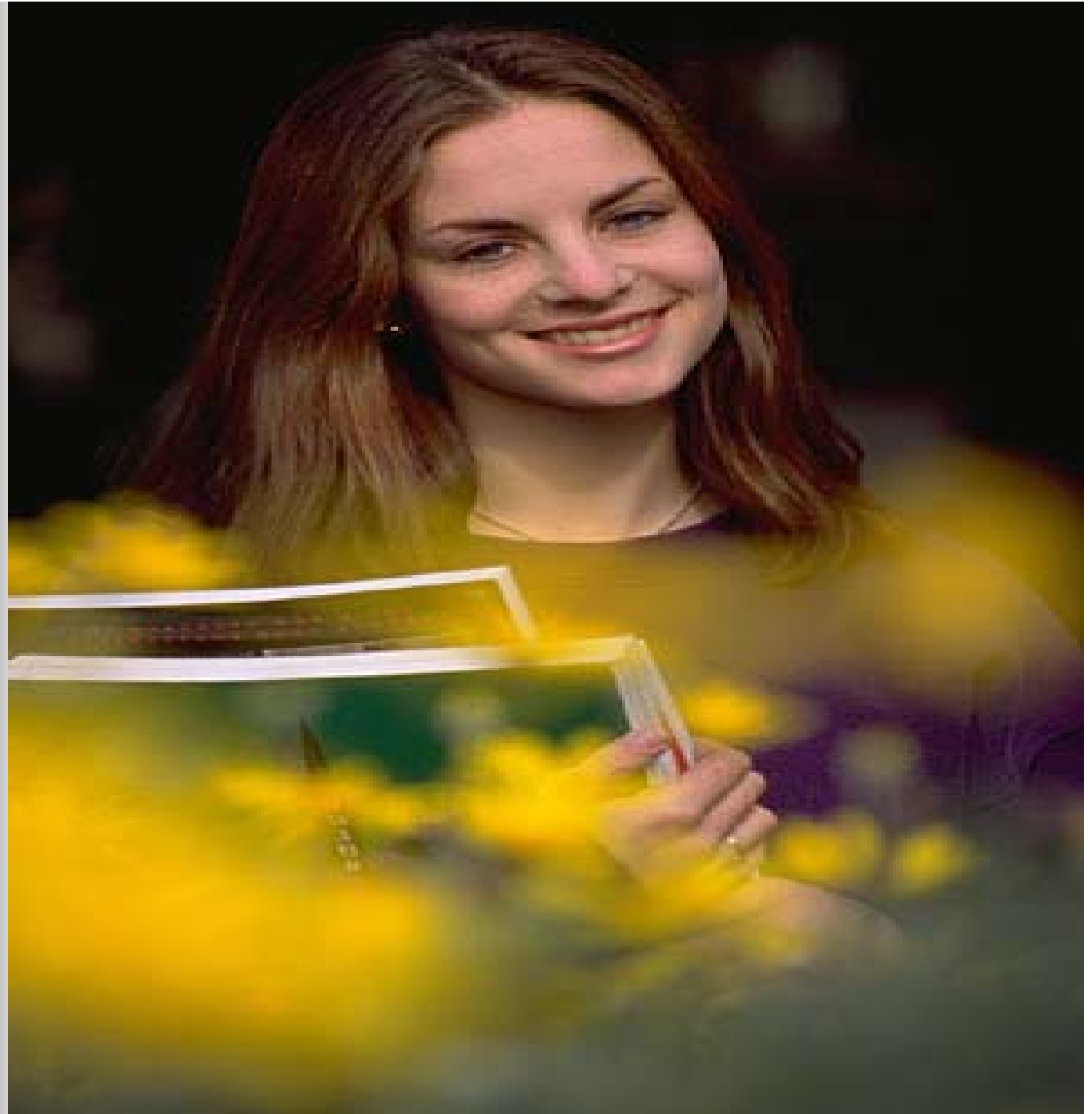




# What else will the program do for you?

- Provide you with a number of opportunities to visit college campuses.
- A letter will be sent to you inviting you to participate.
- You will have your parent fill out a permission slip and turn it in to your counselor.







## What will this club do for you?

- Provide you with homework help on Thursday after school in the library.
- Provide a link with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars and give you information about trips, etc.
- Provide of group of caring friends with the same goals.





## Future Club Meeting

We provide transition activities to orient student to the high school

- Our plan is to meet at the middle school library at 2:15.
- Then we will go to the senior high library together.



# CAREER EXPLORATION

- We have invited several seniors to give short presentations on their chosen CAREERS.
- Of course, REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!!!





# HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS

- We will provide support for you when you enter high school.
- Tutoring is available.
  - \*Math or science difficulties
  - \*Writing term papers, etc.



# Sharing Achievement



# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

- College campus tours are free of charge.
- We assist you in college choice.
- Opens the door to a bright future.



Your success.....is our **PASSION!!**





# Mentoring Program



New Prairie Middle School

# What is Middle School Mentoring?

- This program targets 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars.
- It provide an adult role model as a supportive friend.





## The purpose is to.....

- Provide attention, encouragement, and support from outside the family.
- Allow students to meet their academic goals, citizenship goals and thus qualify for their scholarship upon graduation.



## Mentoring is 'user-friendly'.

- The mentor meets during the lunch hour and talks with the child.
- The commitment is **ONLY** every other Wednesday.



# What is expected of a mentor?

- Establish rapport and build trust
- Find a mutual interest and develop a friendship.
- Praise the student & offer encouragement
- Be accepting & nonjudgmental.
- LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN!

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## How are students selected?

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars are given priority attention.
- Referrals are received from teachers, and other school personnel.
- Parents may also request that their child be considered for mentoring.



## How are mentors selected?

■ Mentors are adult volunteers from all walks of life to include:

1. School personnel
2. Senior citizens
3. Business men & women
4. Entrepreneurs



## Dispelling fears.....

- The mentoring is in a 'safe' environment.
- 99% of kids are 'good', they want your approval!



## What's the next step?

- Fill out an application sheet.
- A counselor will call you when the student has turned in permission forms.
- Come to the main office on the scheduled date and ask for a counselor. **IT'S SO EASY!**



## Enjoyment.....



Watch T.V. for an hour, have just an hour of enjoyment.



Go to an amusement park, experience a day of enjoyment.



**MENTOR A CHILD, EXPERIENCE  
A LIFETIME OF ENJOYMENT !**



# New Prairie Middle School



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