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Local

Five students from the metro-east have been named 2008 Golden Apple Scholars.

They are:

- **Austen Chesnut** of Alton High School.
- **Elisabeth Knierim** of Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto.
- **Anthonea Hyde** and **Wallace Miller** of East St. Louis High School.
- **Lena Trinkaus-Voirin** of Mascoutah High School.

Chosen by the Golden Apple Foundation, recipients of the award go through a lengthy and rigorous application and interview process.

In exchange for financial assistance for four years to attend one of 53 public and private universities across the state, enrollment in summer programs that include teaching internships and enhanced teacher preparation, and continual mentoring by Golden Apple Award-winning teachers, Scholars must agree to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need, which is a school that serves low-income students or has below-par test scores.

There are now 1,142 Golden Apple Scholars teaching or on their way to teaching in schools of need throughout Illinois.

The Scholars will be inducted at DePaul University Student Center, 2250 N. Sheffield Ave., in Chicago on Saturday, April 1-2.