The Problem: There were nearly 2,000 teacher vacancies in Illinois that remained unfilled at the beginning of the 2021 school year and more than 1,000 in New Mexico.

The Solution: The Golden Apple Foundation is expanding the pipeline of highly effective educators in Illinois and New Mexico to total more than 2,000, and has long term goals to expand into other states. With the data to substantiate our results, we inspire, develop, and support teacher and school leader excellence, especially in schools-of-need, through the following programs:

Golden Apple Scholars Program

The Golden Apple Scholars Program recruits high school seniors through college sophomores to prepare them to teach by providing intensive instruction, tuition assistance, placement services, and mentoring services to become highly-effective teachers. Scholars receive:

- Financial assistance and paid professional development while in undergrad
- Extensive classroom teaching experience
- Instruction from award-winning educators and expert partners
- Job placement assistance upon graduation from college
- Mentoring in the first years of teaching

Golden Apple Accelerators Program

The Golden Apple Accelerators Program provides career-changers a path to teaching in targeted school districts in southern, central, and western Illinois. Accelerators receive:

- A stipend for coursework to apply towards a teaching license and/or housing
- A one-year residency and training program
- Coursework and credit through a partner university
- Job placement in a southern, western, or central Illinois school district
- Instruction from award-winning educators
- Mentoring in the first years of teaching

Learn more at www.goldenapple.org
THE NEED FOR MORE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS IS GREAT
Teaching vacancies that remained unfilled at the beginning of the 2021 school year:

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- More than 1,000

OUR PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS ARE GROWING ~20% PER YEAR
There are currently:

- 1,000 IN UNDERGRAD
- ~100 CAREER-CHANGERS
- 750+ TEACHING

- 82% of scholars graduate within 6 years compared to 60% nationally
- 50% of scholars are teachers of color and first-generation college students, reflecting the diversity of K-12 students
- 82% of scholars stay in teaching for five or more years, longer than teachers prepared by any other program

OUR PROGRAM GROWTH GOALS BY SCHOOL YEAR 2025
Double the Size of Our Teacher Preparation Programs

- 500 SCHOLARS & ACCELERATORS ANNUALLY
- 10% OF ANNUALLY LICENSED TEACHERS
- 2,000+ SCHOLARS & ACCELERATORS TEACHING

SCHOLARS & ACCELERATORS ARE CURRENTLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

AND WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ADDRESS THE TEACHER SHORTAGE IN ALMOST 1/4 OF THE STATE