

Governor's Scholars Program





The Organizational Structure of the GSP

1983 – The Governor’s Scholars Program, Inc. created as an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation

- State appropriations: 75%
- Private contributions: 25%
- Mission: To enhance Kentucky’s next generation of civic and economic leaders
- Free of charge

2005 – Senate Bill 134 (2005 Regular Legislative Session) – An Act relating to the Governor’s Scholars Program

- Separation of public and private funds
 - Accomplished with creation of a new 501(c)(3), The Governor’s Scholars Program Foundation, Inc. for private support.
- Annual appropriation paid in one lump sum in early July
- Authority placed on the Board of Directors to hire the Executive Director
- Board of Directors: 3 ex-officio voting members, 5 Governor’s appointees, and 24 members selected based on bylaws and articles of incorporation

2011 – Executive Order transferring oversight for the Governor’s Scholars Program to the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet



The Operational Structure of the GSP

Central Office in Frankfort

- Executive Director and Academic Dean
- Fiscal Officer
- Administrative Assistants (2 full time and 2 part-time)

Three Summer Sites (College Campuses)

- A bid process
- Summer personnel per campus (contractually hired on the basis of one summer)
 - Three campus administrators
 - Approximately 19 faculty
 - Approximately 19 residential staff members
 - Approximately 8 office staff members
- Approximately 350 Governor's Scholars for a total of 1,050



Long-Term Goal of the GSP

GROWING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

- **Providing tools to tackle problems**
- **Helping others be creative in life, school, workplace and community**
- **Developing the ability to recognize when to be a leader and when to be a follower**
- **Learning how to achieve our HIGHEST potential**



The Summer Operational Structure of the GSP

Selection of Governor's Scholars

- Application Process: high school, school district, state level
- Overriding goal: All 120 Kentucky counties represented

Campus Components

- Classes (focus areas and general studies)
- Residential activities (discussion groups called seminars)
- Residential activities (hall activities, field trips, community service, convocation speakers)
- Other activities: college fair, school counselor training
- Rules and regulations



2022 Scholar Selection

**1,756 Total
Applications**

**1,051 accepted =
60% Acceptance Rate**

**Eastern: 357
Western: 419
Northern: 212
Jefferson County: 356
Central: 412**

**Female: 1,204 (68.6%)
Male: 552 (31.4%)**



Sections of the Application

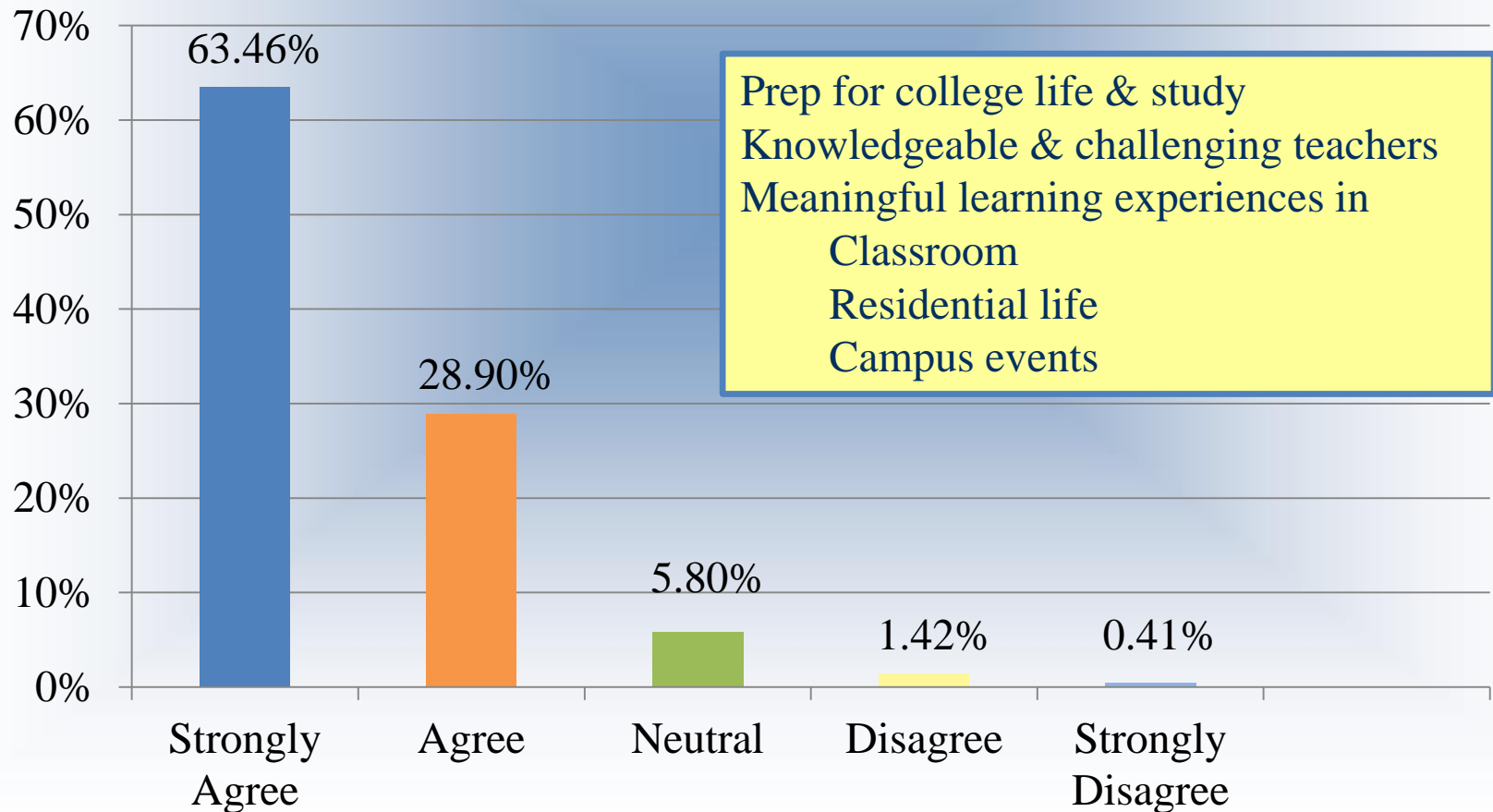
- **Academic Achievement** **30%**
 - GPA, Standardized Tests, Difficulty of Course Load
- **Student Profile** **30%**
 - Extracurricular Activities, Service, and Honors/Awards
- **Writing Entry** **20%**
- **Teacher Recommendation** **10%**
- **Community Recommendation** **10%**



Scholar Experience Survey, Summer 2022

Overall Satisfaction with the Program

Each summer, before leaving their respective campuses, all Scholars complete a Scholar Experience Survey pertaining to all aspects of GSP.





Budget Allocation for State Appropriation

State Fiscal Year	GSP Summer (funding used)	State Appropriation Grant	Number of Scholars
2007	2006	\$2,023,200.00	1152
2008	2007	\$2,104,900.00	1148
2009	2008	\$1,712,700.00	1076
2010	2009	\$1,712,700.00	1033
2011	2010	\$1,762,900.00	1051
2012	2011	\$1,743,800.00	1074
2013	2012	\$1,757,600.00	1073
2014	2013	\$1,757,600.00	1060
2015	2014	\$1,934,100.00	1104
2016	2015	\$1,936,100.00	1113
2017	2016	\$1,875,000.00	1060
2018	2017	\$1,875,900.00	1078
2019	2018	\$1,758,700.00	1028
2020	2019	\$1,758,700.00	1024
2021	2020	\$1,758,700.00	1031
2022	2021	\$1,758,700.00	1048
2023	2022	\$1,758,700.00	1051
2024	2023	\$1,758,700.00	1050

Governor's Scholars Program

