

THE BOWMAN FELLOWS

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

"Gladly We Learn and Teach"

The Bowman Fellows is a prestigious fellowship that was established in 2004-2005 in honor of Dr. Al Bowman, the current President of Illinois State University. The Bowman Fellows are education majors committed to being visionary leaders on campus, in their communities, and in their future field of education. The core values of the program include: visionary leadership, student-centered education, personal learning, valuing faculty, staff, and peers, and a focus on the future. The benefits of being a Fellow include opportunities for professional development, unique social activities, and opportunities to work directly with local schools and community leaders.

While being a Bowman Fellows is an honor, it also requires a modicum of responsibility. Each semester, Fellows who fully participate in the program will have the opportunity to receive a \$500 stipend as well as attend a group meeting with President Bowman. In addition, Bowman Fellow graduates receive an honor stole and program notice at graduation, and letters of recommendation for their resume file.

To qualify for the fellowship, students must be from a traditionally underrepresented ethnic/racial group, a freshman, sophomore or junior major in the college of education (SED, EC, Elem, ML), and have a minimum 2.75 GPA. In addition, students must be able to attend meetings every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:00 PM during both semesters. To apply, please complete this application and submit it electronically to Dr. Gary Weilbacher (gaweilb@ilstu.edu) or via campus mail to Gary Weilbacher, Campus Box 5330.

The application deadline for this fellowship is December 11th, 2009.

Name:

Local Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone:

Major/Year of Graduation:

Current GPA:

UID:

Please attach two letters of recommendation written by people who can speak to your leadership qualifications:

Please answer the questions below and limit your responses to no more than one double-spaced, 12 point font, type written page for each question.

1. Explain what the term “leadership” means to you and describe a situation from your recent past that illustrates your ability to act as a leader. Then, detail how you envision using your leadership abilities to make a difference in an educational or community setting.
2. Explain your motivation for becoming a Bowman Fellow and describe the ways that you will enhance the leadership agenda that is a main part of the program.
3. If there is anything else about yourself that you would like us to consider during the selection process, please tell us. (optional)