

Honors College Application

The Honors College at Towson University Great Students. Great Minds.

The Honors College at Towson University is a unique community where our most talented students achieve their academic potential. You'll be encouraged to develop your interests, cultivate your talents and achieve excellence in academics, research, service and individual development. You'll also have the opportunity to live and learn with your peers, as you explore the possibilities of what you want to become.

Admission to the Honors College is highly selective. Honors College students make up less than 10 percent of the incoming freshman class, and the 700 active honors students represent about 5 percent of all undergraduate students at Towson University. Freshmen admitted to the Honors College for fall 2010 had an average SAT R score of 1888 (1251 verbal and math only) and an average weighted high school GPA of 3.85. All new freshman and transfer students admitted to the Honors College receive a renewable scholarship between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per year in addition to any other scholarships and grants they may receive. Current Towson University students are not guaranteed scholarships if admitted, but will be considered for a limited number of \$1,000 awards.

Honors College Application Deadlines:

Fall 2011 Admission

New freshman applicants	February 1, 2011
New transfer applicants	March 1, 2011
Current Towson University students	June 1, 2011

Honors College Admission Criteria:

New freshman applicants: Most Honors College students enter as freshmen during the fall term. All students must complete this application to be considered for admission to the Honors College. Applicants are guaranteed admission if they meet both of the following criteria:

- Unweighted GPA of 3.70 or greater on a 4.00 scale
- Score of 1800 or greater on the SAT R

Students who meet only one of these criteria are strongly encouraged to apply, and may be admitted after a more comprehensive review that focuses on course selection and the rigor of the high school curriculum, as well as extracurricular activities and a well-written, thoughtful essay.

New transfer applicants: Transfer students who have completed two or more semesters in college must have a minimum 3.50 college GPA for consideration. Transfer applicants with only one semester of college grades may apply with less than a 3.50 GPA and have their high school record and SAT scores considered as well. Students enrolled in an honors program at their current institution receive special consideration for admission. Transfer students may have a maximum of 6 honors units (in addition to 3 units of Honors English) credited toward their 24-unit honors requirements at Towson University.

Current Towson University students: Current TU students who apply will be considered after final grades are posted in the term they apply. Students with less than a 3.50 cumulative GPA or more than 60 completed course units will not be considered.

The Honors College at a Glance:

- early registration for classes
- small classes of 10 to 20 students
- courses covering content in depth, using innovative techniques
- learning opportunities outside of class such as internships, research and study abroad
- flexibility to pursue any of Towson University's majors
- opportunity to live in honors residence halls
- special social, cultural and leadership opportunities
- individualized academic and professional advising
- a renewable merit scholarship of at least \$1,000 per year

To learn more about the Honors College at Towson University
visit www.towson.edu/honors, e-mail honors@towson.edu or call 410-704-4677.

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To be considered for the Honors College at Towson University, you must complete this application after you have submitted the regular Towson University Application for Undergraduate Admission. You will be considered for an Honors College scholarship if you complete and submit this application by the Honors College application deadline. We encourage applicants for fall 2011 admission to apply for admission to Towson University by December 1, 2010 for best consideration for admissions-based merit scholarships other than the Honors College scholarship.

Applying as: new freshman new transfer current TU student (If you plan to transfer to Towson University for the Spring 2011 term, please mark "current TU student.")

If you have already been admitted to Towson University, please provide your 7-digit TU ID number: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

(Please print clearly. You will receive an e-mail confirmation that your application packet has been received.)

Intended Major _____ Undecided

Current High School or College _____

Unweighted GPA _____ Weighted GPA _____ Class rank _____

4.00 scale 100 point scale other (specify)

A completed Honors College application includes the following items. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- Resume:** Please attach a resume that clearly lists your awards, extracurricular activities, community service and leadership positions.
- Transcript:** Please send a copy of your current transcript to the Honors College. An unofficial copy is sufficient for this application. The transcript should contain grades for years 9 through 11 as well as your senior year schedule. Transfer applicants with less than two full semesters of college grades should send a copy of both high school and college transcripts. You must still have an official transcript sent to admissions for your regular TU application. **(We cannot obtain a copy of your transcript from the Admissions Office. You must include a separate copy of your transcript with your Honors College application.)**
- Essay:** Write a 2-3 page (typed and double spaced) essay in which you describe a specific experience or experiences in your life that exemplify the Honors College mission and goals. The Honors College mission and goals are available at www.towson.edu/honors/about/mission.asp. Remember, the admissions committee can gain a sense of your academic and extracurricular activities from your resume and transcript. This is your opportunity to introduce yourself, to discuss a meaningful event at length, to highlight your personal strengths, and to provide any additional information you would like us to consider in evaluating your application.
- SAT:** Make sure you have had your most recent SAT scores sent to Towson University by ETS. You may substitute ACT scores if you have not taken the SAT.

Applicant Agreement: I understand that failure to give complete and accurate information on this application will result in cancellation of this application or dismissal from the Honors College if I am enrolled.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Mail your completed application packet to
The Honors College at Towson University, 8000 York Road, Towson, MD 21252-0001.**

Please do not mail the Honors College Application with the TU Application for Undergraduate Admission.