

FAQ FOR APPLICANTS NOT OFFERED ADMISSION

Q: HOW ARE ADMISSIONS DECISIONS MADE?

Admission to the Towson University Honors College is competitive. The competitiveness of admission each year is based on the number of applications received, the academic qualifications of the applicants, and the number of spaces available.

Every application is considered by faculty reviewers in a process which balances academic and extracurricular information, combined with information gleaned from the essay response. Because this process is not based on a formula, there rarely is a single reason (such as one low test score or grade, etc.) that we can point to as to why an individual applicant is not admitted. For the same reason, there is no academic score which guarantees an individual admission, and it may be the case that an applicant with lower academic scores is offered admission while someone with higher scores is not.

Applicants to the Honors College are all outstanding students, many more apply than can be admitted. The decision not to admit an applicant should therefore not be taken as an indicator of a lack of merit. Each year we are unable to offer admission to strong applicants, and we encourage those applicants to consider applying to the Honors College as current Towson students once they begin their studies at Towson.

Q: CAN I APPEAL MY ADMISSIONS DECISION?

The Honors College does not accept appeals. Every applicant who was not admitted through the admissions process has had their application file considered through an extensive and thorough holistic review, therefore no appeals are accepted.

Q: CAN I REAPPLY TO THE HONORS COLLEGE?

Entering the Honors College as a freshman is not your only option. We also accept applications from Towson University students who have 60 or fewer credits at the time of application.

Current Towson University students may apply to the Honors College if they have freshman or sophomore class standing – i.e. 60 or fewer credits - and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Applicants are evaluated based upon their academic record, participation in leadership, extracurricular, and community service activities and a well-written application essay.

The Honors College accepts applications from September 1 to December 1 of each year. TU students admitted through this process may join the Honors College for the ensuing spring semester and will receive an Honors College scholarship and all other benefits of Honors status.