

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

******Please read all information and instructions before completing and submitting your application******

Due dates: Priority--March 1; Regular--May 1, or until freshman class fills at each location

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for admission to the HCC Honors College, you must meet **one** of the following:

- 3.5 high school gpa and college level placement on TSI Test
- Combined SAT score of 1100 on math/critical reading (minimum 500 on each)
- 3.5 HCC gpa in college level courses (if currently an HCC student)

Admission Requirements

Please submit all required documents to Dr. Cheryl Peters, Executive Director-- Honors College, Houston Community College, 3100 Main, MC 1162, Houston, TX 77002

- A complete Honors College application and copies of all requested documents
- An essay on an assigned topic in English (see topics on p. 2 of application)
- Two letters of recommendation from either high school or college faculty, counselors, employers or community members
- Copy of high school and/or HCC transcript, if applicable
- Copy of test scores, including HCC test scores, if applicable. (Many test scores are posted on high school transcripts.)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

A combination of awards will be available to students (federal, state or foundation). All students are required to complete and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to maximize financial aid opportunities. Undocumented students should complete the TAFSA (for Texas grants). Merit scholarships are available for students ineligible for federal or state grants. In addition, the HCC Foundation (www.hccsfoundation.org) has many scholarships for recent high school graduates ("Opportunity 14") or funds for targeted student groups. Most scholarship applications are due by June 15. If you need further assistance, ask us for help: 713-718-5203 or Cheryl.peters@hccs.edu

Honors College Acceptance Criteria

Students who meet the criteria listed above may submit an Honors College application. A combination of grades, test scores, recommendations, essay on an assigned topic and the personal interview will be used holistically to determine acceptance into the Honors College.

Maintenance Requirements

- Maintain a 3.2 gpa
- Carry a FT course-load of 12-18 credit hours
- May not withdraw from classes without consultation with Director on site
- Sign and maintain the Honors College Code of Behavior and Academic Honesty



Please select a location you wish to attend:

- Central
- NW-Spring Branch
- SW-Stafford

The Honors College Houston Community College APPLICATION

Instructions: Complete all items on this application AND RETURN IT TO: **Dr. Cheryl Peters – Executive Director- Honors College, 3100 Main, MC 1122, Houston, TX 77002.** A copy of your high school transcript and your most recent SAT or TSI score report must be sent to the Honors College. All correspondence sent to this office on your behalf must include your complete name and Social Security number. Type or print legibly. Please detach and return in the envelope provided.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name

_____ Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Current Address

_____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Permanent Address

(if not the same)

_____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone: _____ (Day) Phone: _____ (Evening)

Social Security Number
or HCC Student ID # _____

Date of Birth _____

CITIZENSHIP

Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Birth _____

Citizenship Status U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Refugee Asylee/Applicant A# _____
Visa-Type _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School _____ Rank in Class _____ of _____

High School Address _____

Expected High School Graduation Date _____ H.S. G.P.A. _____

SAT Scores: Combined _____ Critical Reading _____ Math _____

TSI Scores: Writing _____ Reading _____ WS _____ Math _____

STAAR EOC Scores: Level 2 _____ Level 3 _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

List school activities beyond the classroom, e.g., sports, student government, clubs, music, etc.

Describe community service or volunteer activities, including the number of hours served.

Are you currently employed? Yes No If yes, provide name of employer and a brief description of your duties.

What is your intended major/university? _____

ESSAY

Please attach to this application an explanatory or persuasive essay of no more than 500 words on one of the topics below. Type and double-space the essay using 12-point font. Be sure to place your name and social security number at the top of each page.

You may choose one of the following essay topics. Explain your choice and be as explicit as possible.

- Describe a significant experience that changed your life perspective.
- Choose a family member or an individual and describe how this person has influenced your life.
- If you could change one thing about the world to make it a better place, what would that one thing be?

Verify that you have included the following before submitting the packet.

- The Honors College Application
- A computer-generated or typed essay on an assigned topic
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Check to Signify that you have completed an HCC Admissions Application

Be sure you have requested official copies of the following:

- High school transcripts
- Test scores (SAT/ACT/COMPASS)

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Letter of Recommendation - Counselor

Student's Name _____

Instructions to Students: Complete the top line on this form. You will need two letters of recommendation: a high school counselor, a teacher, or a community leader or person most familiar with your academic or social abilities.

Instructions to Reference Provider:

Students admitted to the Honors College should be able to demonstrate academic excellence with test scores that are indicators of scholastic ability, or a portfolio that illustrates creative talents in the literary, fine or performing arts.

Please evaluate the academic and social performance of the student you are recommending to the Honors College. Give your overall assessment of this student's abilities and potential for participation in a rigorous and challenging curriculum.

Please complete the information below and type or print your letter of recommendation on a separate sheet (on letter-head, if possible). Attach your letter to this form. Thank you.

Name of Reference _____ Date _____

Title _____ School _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Position or Relationship to Candidate _____

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Letter of Recommendation - Teacher

Student's Name _____

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Letter of Recommendation - *Community Leader or Supervisor*

Student's Name _____

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Name of Reference _____ Date _____

Title _____ School/Company/Business _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Position or Relationship to Candidate _____

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