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
Street
City
State
Zip

(if not the same)

Email Address

Phone: 
Phone: 

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.

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

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________________________________________________________________________

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

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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)

The application must be sent to:

Dr. Cheryl Peters  Contact:
Executive Director, Honors College  Phone: 713.718-5203
Houston Community College  Cheryl.peters@hccs.edu
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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 letterhead, 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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Title _____________________________ School _____________________________
Address _____________________________ City __________ State ________ Zip _______
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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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