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 (on 4.0 scale) and college level placement on TSI Test
  - Reading 351; Writing 363; Writing Sample 4; Math 350 OR
- SATEBRW score of 480 AND Math Score of 530 or ACT score of 23 composite OR
- 3.5 HCC GPA in college level courses (if currently an HCC student)

Admission Requirements
Please submit all required documents to Dr. Cheryl Peters, Honors College Director, Houston Community College, 3100 Main St. Suite 12E18, Houston, Texas 77002 by mail or email, cheryl.peters@hccs.edu.

- 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 ☐
SE-Eastside ☐

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, Houston Community College, 3100 Main, Suite 12E18, Houston, Texas 77002 by mail, or email at cheryl.peters@hccs.edu.
Type or print legibly.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Email Address_________________________________ Phone:_________________phone:_________________

Student ID #________________________________ Date of Birth ____________________________

CITIZENSHIP

Country of Citizenship_________________________________ Country of Birth ________________________________________

Citizenship Status ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Refugee ☐ Asylee/Applicant ________________________

Signature:_________________________________ Date:________________

Visa-Type ______________________

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School __________________________________ Rank in Class __________ of _________

High School Address ________________________________________________________________

Expected High School Graduation Date __________________________ H.S. G.P.A. __________

SAT  EBRW_____Math_______; TSI  Reading______ Writing______ Writing Sample______ Math____

AP Credits_________________________________ Dual Credit Courses & Grades______________________________
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 including TSI, SAT or ACT scores
☐ 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 (Only 1 of the following is required: SAT/ACT/TSI/COMPASS)

The application must be sent by mail or email to:

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Executive Director, Honors College  
Houston Community College  
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Houston, TX 77002

Contact:
Phone: 713.718-5203  
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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.

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Letter of Recommendation - Community Leader or Supervisor

Student’s Name ____________________________________________________________

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