

APPLICATION INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

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

Due dates: Priority—March 1; Regular—May 1, or until the freshman class fills.

Eligibility Criteria

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

- 3.7 GPA, and college level placement on COMPASS, SAT, or ACT; or
- Combined SAT score on math/critical reading of 1200, or Enhanced ACT score of 26

Admission Requirements

Please submit all required documents to Dr. Cheryl Peters, Executive Dean, HCC-Central, 1300 Holman, LHSB 301, Houston, TX 77004

- A complete Honors College application and copies of all requested documents
- An essay on an assigned topic in English (see application for topics on p.2)
- Three letters of recommendation from either high school/college faculty, counselors, or employers
- 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.)

Official Test Scores and Transcripts (Submit to Dr. Peters at above address)

- Official high school transcripts or HCC transcripts
- Official test scores from College Board (SAT, ACT) or HCC COMPASS test

Scholarships and Financial Aid

A combination of awards (federal, state, or foundation awards) will be available to students. All students are **required** to complete and submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to maximize financial aid opportunities. The FAFSA may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov Students are highly encouraged to apply for scholarships through the HCCS Foundation at www.hccsfoundation.org and recent high school graduates should apply for “Opportunity 14” on the Foundation website. Most HCC scholarship applications are due by May 4.

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 to determine acceptance into the Honors College.

Maintenance Requirements

- Maintain a 3.5 gpa
- Carry a FT course load of 12-18 credit hours
- May not withdraw from classes without consultation with director or dean
- Sign and maintain the Honors College code of behavior and academic honesty



The Honors College

Houston Community College - Central

APPLICATION

Instructions: Complete all items on this application AND RETURN IT TO: **Dr. Cheryl Peters - Academic Dean, Houston Community College - Central Campus, 1300 Holman, Houston, TX 77004.** A copy of your high school transcript and your most recent SAT or ACT 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:** _____ **Phone:** _____
(Day) (Evening)

Social Security Number _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Please provide the following race/ethnic data which is required by the U.S. Department of Education:
(This information is voluntary and will not be used for discriminatory purposes).

American Indian or Alaskan Native Is your ethnic heritage Hispanic? Yes No Gender Male Female
 Asian or Pacific Islander
 Black Please indicate your native language: English Spanish
 White Other - Please indicate _____

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 _____

High School Counselor/Advisor _____

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

SAT Scores: Combined _____ Critical Reading _____ Math _____

ACT Scores: Composite _____ Reading _____ English _____ Math _____

COMPASS Scores: Reading _____ Writing _____ Math _____

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? _____

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
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Houston Community College Admission Application and all required documents
- A \$20.00 check or money order made payable to Houston Community College

Be sure you have requested official copies of the following:

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

The application must be sent to:

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Academic Dean
Houston Community College - Central
1300 Holman
Houston, TX 77004

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Letter of Recommendation - Counselor

Student's Name _____ Social Security Number _____

Instructions to Students: Complete the top line on this form. You will need three letters of recommendation: a high school counselor, a teacher, and 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 _____

Please Return these Letters to:

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Letter of Recommendation - Teacher

Student's Name _____ Social Security Number _____

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Name of Reference _____ Date _____

Title _____ School _____

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Letter of Recommendation - *Community Leader or Supervisor*

Student's Name _____ Social Security Number _____

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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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