

**DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS ACADEMY
HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL HONORS PROGRAM: 2014/15**

What is the Honors Program?

The Honors Program is a unique opportunity for motivated high school students. Students who elect to become part of this illustrious program will accomplish the following:

- participate in challenging academic programs of study.
- acquire knowledge, skills, and habits of mind necessary for college admissions and success.
- develop college level research, learning, and study skills.
- develop communication skills.
- develop critical and analytical thinking skills.
- explore career possibilities.
- explore college and scholarship options.
- accelerate learning through honors and AP courses.
- cooperate with an academic group with focused goals.
- complete community service.
- engage in a mentoring program.
- earn special recognition at graduation.
- earn the Honors Program medal and certification.
- be part of an intellectual community.

What are the application requirements for the Honors Program (see attachment)

- The intent of the program is that it is a four year course of study and growth. Students are to apply during the beginning of their 9th grade year. However, applications from students applying at the beginning of their 10th grade year may also be accepted.
- Applications and information will be available from the Program Facilitator and from the Counseling Office. Application forms should be accompanied by a letter requesting acceptance into the program, a copy of the most recent transcript (grade card), letters of recommendation, and test scores. All applications must be turned in on or before the deadline or they will not be considered.

APPLICATION REQUISITES

- Information Cover sheet completely filled out and signed. It is important that you and your parents acknowledge and accept the guidelines and requirements.
- A typed, one page, formal letter addressed to the Program Facilitator, explaining why you are seeking admission into the Honors Program.
- An official copy of your transcript (obtain from your counselor). No grade lower than a B from your previous semester grades. (Honors Courses will be considered: a "C" counts as a "B")
- A copy of your most recent Standardized Test results (obtain from your counselor).
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher and one from a peer. These letters give important insight into who you are as a person; choose your recommenders well. A two sentence letter saying you are great, will not speak well. Please give your recommenders a minimum of one week. You should also provide them with a resume indicating your academic activities, club memberships, extra-curricular activities, etc.
- All required items should be neatly compiled and clipped together with the cover sheet on top (no folders, please).

What are the requirements and expectations for certification in the Honors Program?

- Students must complete 100 hours of community service (out of school hours). These hours must be formally documented.
- Students must complete 100 hours of job shadowing/mentoring. These hours must also be formally documented.
- Students must attend monthly convocations. Students missing more than two meetings during the course of a year may be asked to withdraw from the program or to fulfill additional obligations at the discretion of the program facilitator.
- Students must maintain a 3.45 GPA.
- Students must be enrolled in a minimum of two Honors Level or Advanced Placement courses each year.
- Students must complete a capstone, senior exit project/presentation to be approved by the Program Facilitator. Students must fulfill all requirements of the Senior Exit Project: signed forms, ethnographic journal, paper, presentation, etc.
- Students must complete assignments and activities throughout each year.

What constitutes Community Service?

- Community Service consists of community and/or school service. Activities include volunteer work at a variety of sites. The purpose is to help students explore interests, help others, become aware of their environment, and take an interest in social issues. Students will be required to spend 100 hours of out of school time to complete this requirement.

What constitutes Job Shadowing/Mentoring?

- Students immerse themselves in the work environment and situation of a chosen field in order to gain knowledge of and respect for the particular field.
- Students interview professionals in a field of interest.
- Students acquire work experience and knowledge in several fields or professions.

What constitutes an Honors Convocation?

- Students will attend mandatory monthly meetings in which they will participate in workshops, research activities, and small presentations.
- Meetings will be pre-scheduled immediately following the school day and last approximately hour.

What is a Senior Exit Project?

- Seniors will develop and present a capstone project and paper during their senior year. This project will impact a community in a viable and positive way. These presentations will be given to the public during the Spring of their senior year.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
2014-15**

Revised 4/24/14

All applications for Freshmen and first semester Sophomores must be submitted to Mrs. McElroy, Honors Program Facilitator, no later than **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**. **APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

All students who submit an application will attend their first meeting on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 @3:30 in E133.

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**HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL HONORS PROGRAM
2014/15
INFORMATION COVER SHEET**

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Current GPA: _____

Parent Signature: _____
Signature Date

Applicant Signature: _____
Signature Date

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS ACADEMY HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL HONORS PROGRAM CONTRACT 2014/15

I understand that by joining the Honors Program at Huntington High School I commit myself to high academic, ethical standards. I represent these high standards here in my school and in the larger community. I accept the responsibility that comes with membership in this program.

As an invited member I acknowledge and accept the following guidelines. I know that failure to comply with these guidelines will result in removal from the program.

- I must bring a copy of my report card at the end of each 9 weeks; I must maintain a 3.45 GPA (weighted).
- I must attend all monthly convocations. I may not miss more than two throughout the year.
- I must complete all assignments upon their due dates (convocations). Failure to turn in work at the appropriated time will result in a demerit. I may not receive more than 2 demerits during a year.
- I must complete a total of 100 hours of Job Shadowing/Mentoring and 100 hours of Community Service. **I must complete 25 hours of each by the end of each school year in order to proceed in the program. I may not receive more than 25 hours in one placement or at one event.**
- I must complete and present a Senior Capstone Research Project and fulfill all requirements and obligations for this project.

Student Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____