

# Southern Nazarene University

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## Honors Program

### Application Instructions

#### Who Can Apply

- Non-provisional, incoming SNU freshmen
- Current SNU freshmen in good academic standing

#### Suggested Scores

- 25+ ACT/1100+ or higher SAT (Math + Verbal)
- Top 10% of graduating class
- Will need to have attained credit for Composition I (via CLEP, AP, concurrent enrollment or other) or have an ACT English subscore of 25 or higher by the time classes begin in August

#### Is Honors Right for You? Applicants should ....

- Be interested in service-learning and leadership
- Enjoy creativity and independent thinking
- Appreciate coursework that develops inquiry and critical thinking skills
- Desire to be part of a community of undergraduate scholars
- Be ready to change the world as Christian thinkers

#### Application Process

1. Complete the Honors Program Application Form (<http://snu.edu/honors-program-application>).
2. **If you do not meet the suggested score requirements:** Write an Honors Program Application Essay (instructions provided on pg. 3 of this document) and email it to [gweaver@snu.edu](mailto:gweaver@snu.edu).
3. We accept applications throughout the year. Anyone who meets the requirements will be accepted into the Honors Program; however, once slots in the program are full, you will be placed on the waitlist. The earlier you get your application in, the better!

You may be accepted into the Honors Program if you have already attended a Storm Surge prior to application, but your fall semester schedule will have to be revised.

## **Selection Procedure**

- Each application is considered independently, and if the applicant qualifies for the program, he or she will be accepted until all spaces are filled.
- Some applicants may be asked to interview by phone before admissions are finalized.
- Approximately twenty-two students will be selected to participate in the Honors Program each year.
- Some students may be placed on a waiting list and invited to join the HP at a later time.
- Non-selected students may re-apply in the second semester of their freshman year.

## **Post-Admission Requirements to Remain Eligible for Honors Scholarships**

- Progress towards completion of Honors Program each semester
- Maintenance of 3.5 or higher cumulative and semester GPA (student who falls below a 3.5 GPA in any one semester will be placed on probation; if a student's GPA remains below 3.5 the following semester the student will no longer be in good standing with the program and will not be eligible for the Honor's Scholarship until a 3.5 GPA is attained)
- Maintenance of good community standing based on report from Student Development and student's major department

## **Post-Admission Requirements to Graduate with Honors Program Designation**

- Successful completion of 24 hours of Honors Program work, including Honors Thesis/Project and Intercultural Practicum.

## Honors Program Application Essay Instructions

ONLY TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU DO NOT MEET THE SUGGESTED SCORES

Write a response to any one article listed on **Arts and Letters Daily** (<http://www.aldaily.com/>). You may choose only from the columns "Articles of Note" and "Essays and Opinion."\*



### Details

- Your essay should be 500-600 words (equivalent to 1.5- 2 double-spaced pages). Run longer if you like, but 2 thoughtful pages are sufficient.
- **Your goal is to demonstrate that you like to think.** Write pro, con, or pro-and-con, but be persuasive. Give evidence and make illustrations. Be rhapsodic or terse or satiric or whatever you so desire: show us an energetic mind!
- No substitutions in genre or media, please. Don't send us a research paper, a painting, a poem, a PowerPoint show, or a video, etc. instead of an essay. Those are valid ways of responding, and you may very well use them in honors assignments here, but an essay is what we need now.
- If you have questions about these instructions, please email the Honors Director at [gweaver@snu.edu](mailto:gweaver@snu.edu).

### Format

- At the top of your essay, give your name, email address, and phone number(s).
- Give an original title for your essay.
- Below your essay title, state the article you're responding to (author, title, place of publication, and Web address).

### How to submit your HP application essay

- Preferred method: Submit your essay electronically (by email attachment), along with your other application materials to [honors@snu.edu](mailto:honors@snu.edu).
- If you have already completed your Honors Program Application Form, there's no need to duplicate the application form. Just send the essay with a note that your application is already in.
- Alternative method: Submit your essay by snail mail to Honors Program, Attn: Dr. Gina Weaver Yount, Southern Nazarene University, 6729 NW 39<sup>th</sup> Expressway, Bethany OK 73008.

### Follow-up

We will email you to let you know that your essay arrived.

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