



ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION FALL 2009

The Honors Program at Alvernia University assists students of outstanding intellectual promise and high motivation who are interested in pursuing future graduate or professional studies or who prefer a more challenging program at the undergraduate level. The program encourages students to achieve academic excellence, often letting them work at their own pace, and facilitates a stimulating exchange of ideas and information between them, with their varied interests and different disciplines. The Honors Program provides co-curricular activities, service opportunities, and intellectual and social support, adding significant dimensions to the student's academic program.

Admission to the Program

Alvernia University automatically enrolls qualified freshmen directly into the Honors Program. Incoming freshmen who receive either the Presidential or Trustees' scholarship and have a 3.5 high school GPA or an 1130 SAT score will be enrolled in the Program.

Students who do not meet these criteria but who show academic promise may apply to the Program prior to the start of their freshmen year. Students will be enrolled upon the discretion of the Director. Students are also able to join the Honors Program after their first semester (or upon transferring to Alvernia) with a collegiate GPA of 3.5, the recommendation of a professor, and/or permission from the Director.

The Honors Program seeks individuals with a passion for learning new things, a willingness to achieve excellence, and a sense of excitement about college and their future.

To apply to the Honors Program, fill out this application completely and attach your typed essay (see below) and mail it to the Office of Admissions, Alvernia University, 400 St. Bernardine St., Reading, PA 19607, by **May 1, 2009**. You do not need to send any other information with your application, since Alvernia already has your completed admissions file.

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City/State Zip Code

In order to assess your interest in the Honors Program, please answer the following questions in essay format and attach the typed document to this application.

1. Why would you like to be in the Honors Program?
2. What talents or skills would you bring to the Program that are important or unique?
3. Which is more important to you—good grades or enhanced understanding of a subject? Why?
4. What is your dream job? How will your undergraduate education help you get there?

For more information, contact:

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