The Marymount University Honors Program offers students the opportunity to augment their academic experience with a specialized curriculum designed to provide greater depth, breadth, and challenge. The program’s curriculum consists of 24 credits (8 classes) that can be integrated into the requirements for any major. The program emphasizes undergraduate scholarship and, as such, culminates in a mentored research project.

In addition to the intellectual benefits, participants in the Honors Program are eligible for significant financial aid, priority registration, research and travel support, and involvement with program governance and co-curricular planning.

Any student may apply to the Honors Program, but admission is competitive and limited to a maximum of 20 participants each year. There is no fee to apply. The applicant should

- submit an Honors essay (the Honors Committee places great emphasis on the essay when judging program applications);
- have a minimum high school or college GPA of 3.5;
- have a minimum composite (Math and Critical Reading) SAT score of 1200 and/or a composite (English, Reading, Math, and Science) ACT score of 26;
- have a strong background in English composition and literature;
- provide three letters of recommendation, preferably from faculty members who can comment on the applicant’s academic achievement and scholarly potential;
- interview with the Honors Program director or a member of the Honors Committee; and
- for international students for whom English is a second language, have a minimum TOEFL of 617 for the paper-based test, 260 for the computer-based test, or 105 for the Internet-based test.

The application process for the Honors Program is separate from the general admissions process. Please complete and return the general application prior to, or concurrently with, this Honors Program application.

**submission date**

Applications received by February 1 will be given priority consideration.

The Honors Program application (including the essay) should be sent to

**Office of Admissions**
Honors Program
Marymount University
2807 N. Glebe Road
Arlington, VA  22207-4299

For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions or the Honors Program.

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MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
Honors Program Application

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name ____________________________________________ Home Phone ____________________________
Address _________________________________________ E-mail ______________________________________
City/State/ZIP ___________________________ Last 4 digits of Social Security Number ____________

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Anticipated major __________________________________ ______ Grade Point Average ________ (on a 4.0 scale with 4.0 as the maximum)

Current school ______________________________________ Location ____________________________
High school (if different from current school) ________________ Location __________________________

Standardized Tests

SAT (if taken more than once, indicate all scores) 

Test date(s) __________________________________________ Composite (Math and Critical Reading) SAT score(s) ________________
Math subscore(s) ______________________________________ English subscore(s) __________________
Critical Reading subscore(s) ____________________________ Reading subscore(s) _________________
Writing subscore(s) ____________________________________ Math subscore(s) _________________
Writing Essay subscore(s) (2-12) _________________________ Science subscore(s) ________________
Writing Multiple Choice subscore(s) (20-80) ______________

ACT (if taken more than once, indicate all scores)

Test date(s) __________________________________________ Composite ACT score(s) ________________
Math subscore(s) ______________________________________ English subscore(s) _________________
Reading subscore(s) ____________________________ Math subscore(s) _________________
Science subscore(s) ________________ Math subscore(s) _________________

TOEFL score (international students for whom English is a second language) ____________ Score ____________ Test Date ____________ Computer, paper, or Internet-based ____________

Completed AP tests and scores ____________________________

AP courses in progress ____________________________

AP tests yet to be completed ____________________________

Completed Transfer/IB credit ____________________________

Transfer/IB courses in progress ____________________________

Major extracurricular activities ____________________________

ESSAY

On a separate sheet, please compose an essay of 350 to 500 words, double spaced, on one of the following topics. Be sure to support your position objectively and cite your sources properly. The Honors Committee places great emphasis on the essay when judging program applications; please note that the committee will evaluate the quality of thought expressed in your writing, not the position or opinions you express.

1) It has been said that the purpose of art is both to educate and to entertain. Choose one work of art or entertainment (poem, book, play, film, etc.) that depicts education as you think it should be. Explain why you admire the teaching and/or learning depicted in this work.

2) Woodrow Wilson wrote that “the history of liberty is a history of resistance. The history of liberty is a history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it.” Explain what you think the above statement means. Describe a specific situation in history where popular resistance exposed limitations of governmental power, ultimately leading to a redefinition of liberty.

3) Discuss the scientific and technological challenges the United States would face in converting from oil to alternative fuels like ethanol. Should economics and/or politics affect the scientist’s search for alternative fuel sources?

I certify that the above information is complete and accurate, and that I am the author of the attached essay and have properly cited all sources.

Signature __________________________________________ Date ________________

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MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
Honors Program Recommendation

Applicant: Fill in the shaded section below and give this form to a teacher, your dean of students, or — for those applicants who are no longer in school — your employer. (Recommendations from family members cannot be accepted.) Ask the recommender to answer the questions, sign the form, and send it to Admissions Office, Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207-4299. Questions may be directed to (703) 284-1500 or (800) 548-7638.

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Permanent home address
Number and street ___________________________ Permanent home telephone (________) ____________
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☐ I do not waive the right of access to this form. ☐ I waive the right of access to this form.

Signature ____________________________________________________________

The following questions are to be answered by the person recommending the applicant.

Attach a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

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2. What are the applicant’s outstanding personal and/or academic characteristics?

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3. Is this student’s academic record an accurate reflection of his/her abilities? ☐ Yes ☐ No (please explain)

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4. Comment on the applicant’s attributes. We are interested in your opinion of the applicant’s academic achievements, scholarly potential, and enthusiasm for learning.

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5. The applicant is:  
☐ Recommended  
☐ Recommended with reservation. Please provide an explanation on a separate sheet.  
☐ Not recommended for the Honors Program at Marymount University.  
☐ Check here if you wish to have the Admissions Office contact you for further information.

Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________________________

Name____________________________________________ Title ________________________________

Institution________________________________________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Work phone ( ) ____________________________ Home phone ( ) ____________________________

E-mail ________________________________________________________________

Please feel free to attach an additional sheet with more remarks/recommendations about this applicant.