



University Honors Program

FRESHMAN ADMISSION APPEALS FORM FOR 2009-10 FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

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Please read the following instructions carefully. The University Honors Program Appeals Committee cannot review an appeal until all of the required information is received by the Office of Admissions.

University Honors Program appeal description:

Admission to the University Honors Program is highly competitive and space is limited. We have had to make very difficult decisions to select the overall strongest applicants from an extremely competitive applicant pool.

The competitiveness of Honors admission each year is determined by the academic qualifications of the applicant pool, the number of Honors spaces available in each of the freshman-admitting colleges, and the number of applications for admission received. All applications for admission are considered for a freshman Honors class of 575 students. Applications for fall 2009 have increased 16 percent over last year; more than 33,000 students have applied for a freshman class of 5,350 students. While we are very grateful for the strong interest in the University, the increase in applications has made a competitive Honors admissions situation even more competitive for fall 2009.

Students appealing an honors decision must provide new and compelling academic information that was not previously included in their applications, or extenuating personal circumstances that they feel warrant a change in the honors decision.

Please note: Due to the highly competitive applicant pool and limited space in the University Honors Program, it is uncommon for us to change our original decision. Only rarely, when presented with extremely compelling new information, are we able to change a student's honors decision.

How are students selected for University Honors Program admission?

All admitted students are considered for admission to the University Honors Program. Each admission application is carefully reviewed and admission to the University Honors Program is based on an overall assessment of the applicant's academic record (primary review factors), the additional information provided in the application (secondary review factors), and the applicant's academic interests. The greatest consideration in the assessment of each application is given to the applicant's academic record. A complete list of primary and secondary review factors can be found on the Office of Admissions Web site at http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/fresh_requirements.html.

What factors are considered when a student submits an appeal?

Admission to the University Honors Program is based on an overall assessment of the application for admission and supporting materials. Each application is reviewed individually and admission decisions are based on a very careful, overall assessment of the applicant's academic record (primary review factors), the additional information provided in the application (secondary review factors), and the applicant's academic interests. The applicant's academic record is the most significant factor in determining admission to Honors. A complete list of the primary and secondary review factors can be found on the admissions Web site at http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/fresh_requirements.html.

What is the academic profile of students typically admitted to Honors?

This year, students admitted to the University Honors Program typically **rank in the top 3 percent of their high school class** and have a **32 ACT composite score**. These numbers are a composite picture of the freshman Honors class; *they are not admission criteria*. Admission to the University Honors Program is even more competitive in some colleges. Honors admission decisions are based on an individual, overall assessment of each application. Students appealing an honors decision do so on the basis of substantial *new academic information or extenuating personal circumstances* not previously included in their application materials.

Components of a complete honors appeal:

The appeal must be submitted in writing by the applicant, and must include the student's most recent grades. The applicant may also submit letters of support from teachers, counselors, and other persons who can speak to their academic and personal characteristics.

Please submit the following items:

- A completed *University Honors Program Freshman Admission Appeals Form* (see last page)
- A current high school transcript with most recent grades, including any Post Secondary Enrollment Option or College in the Schools grades.
- Letters of recommendation/support (optional)
- Information in an appeal may include:
 - ◆ Additional information that demonstrates academic achievement or special talent in an area(s) of academic study not included in your original application.
 - ◆ New, significant or compelling information not included in your original application.

The University Honors Program Appeals Committee will review your admission application materials and conduct an overall assessment of your application along with the new information included in the appeal.

Please return all requested materials to:

University Honors Program Appeals Committee
University of Minnesota
Office of Admissions
240 Williamson Hall
231 Pillsbury Drive S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0213

What is the appeals decision timeline?

Appeal received/ completed by	Appeal decision mailed by
Apr 10, 2009	April 24, 2009
Apr 24, 2009	May 1, 2009



Office of Admissions
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000
(TTY 612-625-9051)



University Honors Program Appeals Form

FOR 2009-10 FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Name _____

Street address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Email address _____ **Student ID #** _____

Daytime phone _____ **Evening phone** _____

Required:

- **You must submit a current high school transcript** with most recent grades, including any Post Secondary Education Option or College in the Schools grades.
- **You must submit a written letter of appeal** that includes information that demonstrates academic achievement or special talent in an area(s) of academic study and/or new, significant or compelling information not included in the original application materials.

Optional:

I will submit **letter(s) of recommendation/support** from the following person(s):

1. _____ Enclosed Mailed separately

2. _____ Enclosed Mailed separately

3. _____ Enclosed Mailed separately

I understand that my appeal will be reviewed after the appeals form is completed, a letter of appeal has been submitted, and a current high school transcript (including any Post Secondary Education Option or College in the Schools grades), and any optional letters of recommendation/support that are being sent separately have been received in the Office of Admissions.

Signature Date

Mail to:
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University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Office of Admissions
240 Williamson Hall
231 Pillsbury Dr. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0213



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