



# University Honors Program

## FRESHMAN ADMISSION APPEALS FORM FOR 2017-18 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.

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### 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 approximately 600 students. For fall 2016, we received more than 49,000 applications for a freshman class of approximately 5,800 students. While we are very grateful for the strong interest in the University, the competitiveness of the applicant pool has made for a highly competitive Honors admissions situation.

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.

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### 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 website at [http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/fresh\\_requirements.html](http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/fresh_requirements.html).

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

For fall 2016, students admitted to the University Honors Program typically ranked in the top 3 percent of their high school class and had 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.

## Academic profile of University Honors Program admits by college

This table provides a general overview of the high school rank percentile and standardized test scores of freshmen admitted to the University Honors Program for fall 2016. The data presented in the table are a composite picture of freshmen admitted to the University Honors Program; they are not admission criteria. Honors admission decisions are based on an individual, overall assessment of each application.

### Academic profile of fall 2016 Honors admitted freshman applicants

	Carlson School of Management	College of Education and Human Development	College of Science and Engineering	College of Biological Sciences	College of Liberal Arts	College of Design	College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences
<b>High School Rank Percentile</b> <i>Average for Honors Admits</i>	<b>97-99</b>	<b>94-99</b>	<b>99-99</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>95-99</b>	<b>94-99</b>	<b>94-99</b>
<b>ACT Composite</b> <i>Average for Honors Admits</i>	<b>32-34</b>	<b>30-32</b>	<b>34-35</b>	<b>33-35</b>	<b>31-33</b>	<b>30-33</b>	<b>30-33</b>
<b>New SAT (Estimated score out of 1600*)</b> <i>Average for Honors Admits</i>	<b>1500-1560</b>	<b>1360-1460</b>	<b>1520-1570</b>	<b>1470-1550</b>	<b>1430-1530</b>	<b>1390-1480</b>	<b>1440-1520</b>
<b>Old SAT (Score out of 2400)</b> <i>Average for Honors Admits</i>	<b>2155-2300</b>	<b>1915-2093</b>	<b>2220-2330</b>	<b>2100-2290</b>	<b>2040-2240</b>	<b>1965-2130</b>	<b>2058-2208</b>

\*1600 score estimates were calculated using last year's averages on the 2400 scale, then converting them using the College Board's concordance table at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/understanding-sat-scores-2016.pdf>

An appeal of an Honors decision requests a new review by the Honors admission committee on the basis of new information that was not initially included in a student's application.

*Please note:* While we greatly respect and appreciate that many of our applicants are passionate about their interest in the University Honors Program at the University of Minnesota, demonstrated interest is not the basis for a successful appeal. Submitting an appeal, visiting campus, or demonstrating interest in other ways will not impact the committee's decision because 'demonstrated interest' is not a factor considered in our holistic admission review.

### Instructions for submitting an Honors appeal:

A complete appeal must be submitted in writing *by the applicant* (not an applicant's legal agent, parent, counselor, or other advocate) and must include the student's most recent official transcript or grade report. A complete appeal includes:

- Discussion with a University of Minnesota admissions counselor at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000 (TTY for hearing impaired: 612-625-9051). A discussion is required to review the appeal process and to explain the Honors admission decision that was rendered in our original holistic review of the application.
- A completed Honors Appeal Form.
- Most recent, official high school transcript or grade report with most recent grades, including any Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) or College in the Schools (CIS) grades.
- Written letter of appeal that includes information that demonstrates academic achievement, special talent in area(s) of academic study, and/or new, significant and compelling information not included in the original application materials.

If you choose to submit a letter of recommendation, the committee will review it. However, we must note that letters of recommendation speaking to an applicant's personal qualities will be considered as only one component of an appeal review. Decisions are not made solely on the basis of an individual letter of recommendation or a specific recommender.

### 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
March 20, 2017	April 3, 2017
April 4, 2017	April 18, 2017
April 18, 2017	April 27, 2017



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### Office of Admissions

University of Minnesota Twin Cities  
612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000  
(TTY for the deaf and hearing impaired: 612-625-9051)



# University Honors Program Appeals Form

## FOR 2017-18 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, special talent in area(s) of academic study, and/or new, significant and compelling information not included in the original application materials.

**Optional:**

I will submit a **letter of recommendation/support** from the following person:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  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  
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