



# University Honors Program

## Freshman Admission Appeals Form

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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, we received more than 43,000 applications for a freshman class of approximately 6,200 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, students admitted to the University Honors Program typically ranked in the top 3 percent of their high school class and had a 33 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 last fall. 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.

	Biological Sciences	Design	Education and Human Development	Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Liberal Arts	Management (Carlson School of)	Science and Engineering
<b>Average High School Rank %ile</b>	98.2	96.5	94.9	96.5	96.6	97.5	98.3
<b>Average ACT Composite</b>	34.1	31.8	31.2	32.2	32.4	33.3	34.8
<b>Average New SAT Total (out of 1600)</b>	1507	1433	1399	1444	1467	1493	1533
<b>Total Freshman Class Size</b>	371	219	455	299	1948	434	588

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.
- Update your Self-Reported Academic Record to include your most recent grades, including and Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (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.

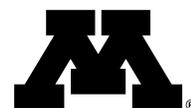
If you choose to submit a letter of recommendation, the committee will review it. However, we must note that letters of recommendation speaking to an applicant's personal qualities will be considered as only one component of an appeal review. Decisions are not made solely on the basis of an individual 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 19	April 2
April 2	April 18
April 18	April 27



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#### Office of Admissions

University of Minnesota Twin Cities  
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