

Prince George's Community College

Honors Academy

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The Honors Academy at Prince George's Community College is for academically outstanding students who are interested in a rigorous program of academic excellence, intellectual development, leadership, and community service.

Benefits of the Honors Academy

- **Dual Admission**

Honors Academy Scholars may hold dual admission in Prince George's Community College and a participating four-year college or university. Currently, students may choose dual admission with American University, Catholic University of America, Goucher College, Howard University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, University of Maryland and Washington College. Upon graduation from Prince George's Community College, an Honors Academy student transfers seamlessly into the dual admission four-year institution. An Honors Academy student also has the option of transferring to any college or university that is not part of the dual admission agreement.

- **Financial Support**

An Honors Academy Scholar receives financial support from Prince George's Community College as long as he or she satisfies the requirements of the Academy. Upon graduation from Prince George's Community College, the Honors Academy Scholar will receive Honors recognition, a seamless transfer into the dual admissions college or university, and financial support at the four-year institution.

- **Excellent Education and Opportunities**

At Prince George's Community College, Honors Academy Scholars:

- study with outstanding faculty
- have an Honors Academy advisor
- may participate in research and internships
- become a member of the college's Honor Society
- will be eligible for induction into Phi Theta Kappa, the international Honor Society for two-year colleges.

Obligations of an Honors Academy Scholar

If a student is admitted to the Honors Academy, he or she is responsible for:

- meeting with the Honors Academy Advisor within a month of admission to the Academy to determine the appropriate course of study
- meeting with the Honors Academy Advisor each semester prior to enrolling for the next semester
- establishing a timetable for completion of your AS/AA degree
- completing a minimum of 7 honors courses, four of which may be honors contracts, and at least one must be an Honors Colloquium
- maintaining a cumulative 3.5 grade point average
- performing 15 hours of approved community service each semester
- attending school fulltime

Prince George's Community College Honors Academy Admissions Procedure

Admission to the Honors Academy is competitive. The Honors Academy Applicant Review Committee, which includes Honors faculty, administrators, advisors and staff, will review and score each application and the results of the interview. Applicants receiving the top scores will be admitted. You will be notified by mail as soon as the review process is complete.

Students who are not admitted to the Academy may be invited to participate in the Honors Program. Students may reapply for the Academy upon successful completion of at least one semester at Prince George's Community College following the semester in which they were not admitted to the Academy.

Review the following Preliminary Honors Academy Qualifiers to determine if you should complete the Honors Academy Application at this time.

For current College Students: Preliminary Honors Academy Qualifiers

If you are a college student and can check "Yes" for each of the following requirements, you should apply for admission to the Honors Academy.

- | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | |
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| ___ | ___ | 3.5 minimum cumulative college GPA based on at least 12 credits |
| ___ | ___ | six of the 12 credits are in general education courses |
| ___ | ___ | one of the general education courses in English 101 or English 101H |
| ___ | ___ | am a member of or eligible for the Honors Program |
| ___ | ___ | am eligible for Math 104 or higher |

For current High School Seniors: Preliminary Honors Academy Qualifiers

If you are a senior in high school and can check "Yes" to each of the following requirements, you should apply for admission to the Honors Academy.

- | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | |
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| ___ | ___ | Have applied for admission to Prince George's Community College |
| ___ | ___ | 3.50 minimum cumulative high school GPA and 1550 SAT (including writing sample)
OR
3.25 minimum cumulative high school GPA and 1650 SAT (including writing sample) |
| ___ | ___ | Will graduate from high school in the spring of the current academic year |

If you checked "yes" to each of the Honors Academy Preliminary Qualifiers as a college student or high school student, you are a qualified candidate for the Honors Academy and should complete the Honors Academy Application.

Prince George's Community College Honors Academy Application

Part II

Type double spaced on separate paper a 500 word essay explaining your educational philosophy and how the Honors Academy will benefit from admitting you. Your essay will be evaluated for thoughtfulness of content, ability to express thought, grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Part III

Obtain and include with your application two letters of recommendation from either high school or college faculty members.

Part IV

Attach a resume including your leadership & community activities.

Part V

For Fall 2006 Honors Academy admission consideration, complete and submit Parts I, II, III, and IV by June 1, 2006.

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Part VI

Graduating High School Seniors must submit a copy of their Spring semester transcript before final consideration can be made.

Part VII

If you have questions, phone or email Dr. Melinda Frederick, Coordinator Honors Academy/Honors Program. Phone: 301-322-0433 Email: mfrederick@pgcc.edu