



UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

The University Honors Program (UHP) will review all application materials received. A complete application to the UHP includes the following items, submitted by the applicant:

- The University Honors Program Application
- The Honors-Specific Statement of Interest
- Names and contact information (address, telephone number, email) of two people who can serve as references for you:
 1. One person should be a teacher, counselor, coach, or administrator at your most recent school.
 2. The second should be a person outside of your family who knows you well (examples include an employer or an adult leader of a group of which you are a member).

These materials should be submitted to the following address:

**Loyola University New Orleans
Office of Admissions
Box 18
6363 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118-6195
FAX: (504) 865 - 3383**

Application materials will be collected by the Office of Admissions and forwarded to the University Honors Program. Test scores and grade point averages will then be examined. All application materials will be taken into consideration when viewing your application. Your references may be contacted, and if necessary, additional materials may be requested of you.

Applicants should expect a notice of acceptance approximately 4-5 weeks following the submission of a fully completed application. In the interest of expediency, please submit all required information at the same time.

Updates or changes to the UHP application process will be posted on the UHP website: www.loyno.edu/honors. For further information, please contact the Honors Program at (504)865-2708 or email honors@loyno.edu.



HONORS – SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Writing Prompt – Do Not Write on this Form

The University Honors Program (UHP) is designed in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola’s commitment to the *magis*, the “more.” The UHP provides intensive courses of study that require demanding levels of reading, analysis and communication. Being able to express yourself in writing is one of the most important factors that determine your success in the UHP.

Have you ever written a cover letter for a resume? If so, the task set before you now should be familiar. If not, you should look up “cover letter,” and then come back to this.

Applicants should treat the Statement of Interest seriously, as it is the way you demonstrate your communication skills, to the Admissions Committee of the UHP. It is also your way to personalize your application and make it stand out. Do not be afraid to express yourself.

Just as when you write a cover letter, you will want to do some research on the organization to which you are applying. You can learn much about Loyola University New Orleans and the UHP on our website (www.loyno.edu/honors).

A successful statement will express that you understand what membership in the UHP entails. It will outline why you want to join the UHP, and what makes you a good fit for the program. To do this, you may write about your personal, academic and extracurricular successes, goals, and dreams. You may also want to share what draws you to Loyola University New Orleans or the city of New Orleans itself. Explain what drives you to a higher level of achievement, not just that you do better in smaller classes with more reading assignments.

In preparing to write, you might find it useful to imagine yourself at the end of four years in the UHP at Loyola New Orleans. What sort of person are you at the end of your work in the UHP? How did you succeed? What drove you to greater and better accomplishments? What shortcomings led to challenges? You need not write about this thought experiment, but it might help you to craft a compelling Statement of Interest.

Your Statement must be no longer than one page, at 12-point type. It should include your name, a title, and the date on which it was completed. It should demonstrate normal margins and page layout. Line spacing will be your decision. For example, the document you are currently reading is 12-point Calibri font, with normal margins, a line spacing of 1.5, and “justified” alignment. This document includes a header and a footer, which can be good places for names, titles, dates, and contact information.

Thank you for applying. The UHP looks forward to reviewing your application.



UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM - REFERENCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Please type or print.

Please choose two people to serve as references.

Applicant Last Name	Applicant First Name	Applicant MI
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Reference #1 (teacher, counselor, coach, or administrator at current school):

Recommender Last Name	Recommender First Name	Recommender MI
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Recommender Position	School/Institution Name
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City	State	Zip
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(_____) Phone	_____ Recommender Email
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Reference #2 (a non-family member outside of school who knows the applicant well):

Recommender Last Name	Recommender First Name	Recommender MI
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Relationship: How does the recommender know the applicant?

City	State	Zip
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(_____) Phone	_____ Recommender Email
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