



# HONORS SCHOLAR PROGRAM

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

## ***First-Year Student Application Form***

***Priority Deadline: March 7***

### **Program Purpose**

This program looks carefully at each applicant and seeks individuals with a wide breadth of strengths. While our students are bright and academically gifted, our program requirements go well beyond academics. As such, test scores and GPA are not the only consideration when selecting new admits.

### **Program Admission Guidelines**

Generally, most applicants are able to demonstrate **ONE** of the following:

- graduation in the top 5% of high school class **OR**
- an unweighted GPA of 3.7 **OR**
- composite score of 28 or higher on the ACT or 1300 on the SAT (M+V)

However, **ALL** applicants who demonstrate considerable academic promise, drive, and commitment will be considered for admission, and many applicants who meet or exceed these benchmarks may **not** be admitted.

***All students admitted to the Honors Scholar Program receive scholarship support from TWU, its Foundation, and/or its partners. Thus, it is important to provide full and thoughtful responses in the sections below since scholarship decisions will also be based in part on your application.***

### **I. Personal Information**

Last, First & Middle Name:		Student ID:
Address, City, State, Zip:		
Email Address:	DOB:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Current High School:	Intended Major:	

Please select the semester in which you wish to enter the program:

If you have a website/online portfolio/LinkedIn, please include here (optional):

## II. Academic and Extracurricular

- A. List your *most significant* academic, extracurricular, volunteer service, athletic distinctions or accomplishments. Under “Area” please indicate *academic, extracurricular, service, or athletic*.

Area	Type of Achievement, Award, or Position Held	Year

- B. From these examples, which one was most significant and impactful for you and why? (50 words)

- C. List all college credits you have earned or will have earned by the time you would start the honors program at TWU.

Course	Type of Credit (Dual, AP, IB)	Number of Hours Earned

***If your credits exceed the table above, please attach an additional breakdown of the remaining courses and credits you anticipate completing. Preference is given to applicants who will have NO MORE than 21 hours of credit toward the core curriculum requirements and NO MORE than 30 hours of college credit overall at the time of enrollment. Students who exceed these guidelines by the time of matriculation will have their offer of admission rescinded.***

### III. Your Interests and Experiences

- A. How interested are you in doing the following in college or sometime during your lifetime?  
Use the following scale: 5 = Definitely! 4 = Very possible. 3 = Never considered it. 2 = Probably not. 1 = No way!

Interest	5	4	3	2	1
Trying new or exotic foods					
Visiting museums					
Attending plays or musicals					
Traveling or study abroad					
Learning a new language					
Humanitarian or mission work					
Working with animals					
Mentoring younger students					
Playing intramural sports					
Working for a nonprofit					
Becoming a good cook					
Becoming a leader in an organization					
Pursuing an internship					
Reading a non-fiction book for pleasure					
Taking a college course just for fun					

- B. What other interests or passions of yours would you include on this list? (50 words)
- C. From the list of interests and experiences (including your additions in B), which is most significant for you? What motivates you to pursue that interest? (75 words)
- D. Describe a time in your life when you pursued an interest, topic, or experience (not related to academic/career goals or pay) that you dedicated significant time and effort to and how you persisted through that process. Why did you dedicate yourself to it? What sacrifices, changes, and challenges did you face? (100 words)

## IV. Essay

### *Reflecting on Your Future*

An Honors Scholar is a curious and involved critical thinker dedicated to developing themselves personally and professionally so that they may have a greater impact on the world. Fast forward and imagine yourself at the end of your career. You are retiring and reflecting back on your personal and professional accomplishments in your field and in your lifetime.

In a well-reasoned essay (approximately 250-500 words) detail what you aspire to achieve as a person and as a professional. What accomplishments do you hope to achieve in your field? As a person and a member of society?

**Please attach your essay separately when submitting your application. PDF and Word formats only.**

## V. References

Please provide the information requested below for two teachers/coaches/mentors familiar with your abilities who may be contacted on your behalf.

### Reference #1

Name:	
Position & School:	
Address, City, State, Zip:	
Email:	Phone:

### Reference #2

Name:	
Position & School:	
Address, City, State, Zip:	
Email:	Phone:

Complete this application fully and return either by email ([honors@twu.edu](mailto:honors@twu.edu)) or by mail to the Office of Honors Programs at **P.O. Box 425678, Denton, TX 76204.**