

James Graham Brown Honors Program

Chancellor Scholarship

Information/Application Sheet



THOMAS MORE
COLLEGE

Thomas More students of exceptional academic ability are eligible to apply for admission to the Thomas More Honors Program. Students accepted into the program receive full-tuition James Graham Brown Honors Scholarships, and they participate in a special program of Honors Seminars, Community Experience, and the opportunity for advanced research in their majors under the direction of Honors professors. This special program not only enhances the educational experience of academically superior students, and provides them with tuition-free scholarships, but also provides Honors students with exceptional college credentials for future experiences or graduate school opportunities.

Interested students may obtain an application form from Dr. Raymond Hebert, Director of the Honors Program, office 2216, phone 859-344-3310 or use the college e-mail (raymond.hebert@thomasmore.edu).

Eligibility

Minimum qualifications to be considered for the Honors Program are:

A. Current Upperclassmen:

1. College cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or above, with at least 15 semester hours completed at Thomas More College (if TMC student) or equivalency at other college or secondary school (see below).
2. Students who apply or have been accepted into the program at the Scholars level must have a course program that allows them to take the Honors seminar on Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 1:00-1:50 P.M. Students who have a course conflict that exceeds one semester with the Honors seminar are ineligible to apply for the Honors Program or to remain in the Honors Program. Students must maintain a 3.6 cumulative GPA each semester (rounding off from 3.5999 or less is not acceptable).

B. Incoming Freshmen:

Consideration is given (within a parallel process) to high school seniors entering college with minimum qualifications of: an ACT score of 28 or above, or SAT score of 1260 or above, and three letters of recommendation. Students should also have a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or above. An on-campus interview may be requested by the Honors Committee and is likely for all finalists.

The Honors Committee selects, from among those who are eligible to apply, students who show the highest scholastic ability based on their grades, a written essay on an assigned topic, letters of recommendation, and personal qualities that add to the Honors Program.

The Honors Committee makes appointments at the end of each spring semester to fill vacancies in the program created by graduating Honors students. No more than 30 students participate in the program each academic year. Thomas More Honors students must register each semester for a full-time program of at least 18 credits, including the Honors seminar (3 credits) except for the first semester in the freshman year and last semester in the senior year. As an example, a senior during the last semester is exempt from the minimum credit requirement, but must have at least the 12 credits required of full-time students.

Honors students must maintain a high quality of performance in written material, verbal presentation, and critical judgment in all areas of the Honors Program. Students who do not maintain quality performance are removed from the program, subject to the appeal procedures of the College.

The Honors Program

THOMAS MORE SCHOLARS.

Honors students are initially appointed as Honors Scholars. During this period of the program, students take a special Honors seminar each semester (3 credits) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00-1:50 P.M. Students must have a course program which allows them to attend the Honors seminar or cease to be eligible to remain in the program, except for one semester when Honors students may take Community Experience (3 credits) in place of the Honors seminar.

Community Experience is a social service program within the College's service learning mission. The Honors Program has its own special Tutoring/Mentoring Program in conjunction with the Sixth District School in nearby Covington, Kentucky. Many Honors students participate in the Sixth District Program but other Community Service options are available through Sociology (SOC 206) or through other Departments. Community Service is possible concurrent with the Honors Seminar Fellowship Experience.

Thomas More Scholars must complete at least two Honors seminars and an approved Community Service experience (3 credits) and have finished the junior year as a minimum requirement for advancement to the Fellowship level of the program.

Brown Honors Program students will be expected to participate in all Honors Program activities such as the Welcome Luncheon, the Camp Joy Weekend, the Leadership Workshops, etc...

THOMAS MORE FELLOWS.

During the second semester of the junior year, Scholars who have completed the minimum requirements of the Scholar's level (two Honors seminars and one Community Experience) have the option to apply for appointment during their senior year as a Thomas More Fellow. Fellows do not take Honors seminars or Community Experience, but instead undertake special Honors research in their majors. This senior Honors research must consist of a one to two semester three credit project approved both by the Honors Committee and by the Fellow's department. The Honors research is supervised by a departmental Honors professor.

Honors Graduates

Thomas More Fellows at graduation wear the Thomas More Medal and receive a special Diploma noting the Fellowship.

All recipients of James Graham Brown Honors Scholarships, Scholars and Fellows, and all Honors professors, become life-members of the James Graham Brown Honors Society, which meets yearly to reunite the graduates of the Honors Program.

Chancellor Scholarship

The Chancellors' Scholarships are competitive scholarships designated for students that are graduates from the Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky. One student from each of the nine high schools in the Diocese will be considered to receive the scholarship along with three additional scholarships that will be given to students from any Catholic High School outside the diocese. The selection committee that will determine the recipients of the Chancellors' Scholarships will be the Faculty Scholarship Committee, and those students will also be eligible to be invited into the Honors Program.

Students not selected to be in the Honors Program but that receive a Chancellor's Scholarship will be required to become an active member of the Campus Ministry Leadership Team. Being a part of the Campus Ministry Leadership Team will require students to participate in one of the several campus ministry tracks which include but are not limited to: liturgical, service, administration, or social justice. These students will dedicate a certain number of hours per week to the leadership team which is set by our Director of Campus Ministry.

Effective fall, 2010

JAMES GRAHAM BROWN HONORS PROGRAM/CHANCELLOR SCHOLARSHIP
DUAL APPLICATION – INCOMING STUDENTS ONLY

First Name (Print): _____ Last Name (Print): _____

College Mailing Address (Print): _____

Home Address: Street (Print): _____ City (Print): _____

State (Print): _____ Zip: _____ Telephone (____) _____

Email address: _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Current Level: (Circle One): High School Senior Transfer Student

Weighted GPA: _____ Highest Composite ACT: _____ Number of AP/Dual Credit Courses: _____

Class Rank: _____ Current/Potential Major: _____

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Please enclose with this application the following and return to Dr. Raymond Hebert, Office 2216, no later than 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 1, 2011:

1. Academic transcript (which includes your grades for the first half your Senior year, if available; all ACT and SAT scores; and a list of all dual credit and AP courses taken or in progress). An unofficial transcript given to you by the Registrar or School Administration is acceptable.
2. A statement listing any activities, achievements or interests which support your candidacy separately. Please also include a 1-2 page essay on how the Thomas More College Honors Program can help you achieve your goals.
3. A **typewritten essay not to exceed two pages** on the topic outlined on the next page. No names should be placed on the essays. They will be numbered and graded anonymously with the scores attached at the end of the process. **Please see next page.**
4. Please request from three persons, preferably your professors or teachers, letters supporting your candidacy. **These letters are to be in sealed envelopes, your name on the front and the professor's (or teacher's) signature over the sealed flap on the back.** Include these three sealed letters in your application packet.
5. Please note that all finalists will be asked to participate in an interview process during early March.

Your Signature: _____ Date of Application _____

Notification of Honors Committee decisions is made in early to mid to late March at the latest. Students who receive offers must accept or decline by May 2, 2011. You may contact Dr. Hebert by college e-mail (raymond.hebert@thomasmore.edu) or in his office, 2216, phone 859-344-3310, and you should check your e-mail for acknowledgements and questions from him.

James Graham Brown Honors Program/Chancellor Scholarship Essay

Your essay should not be more than two pages and should not have your name on it.
The essays are graded anonymously.

Essay Prompt

This past year, ESPN asked viewers to propose a “Mount Rushmore of Sports”. Fans nominated four great athletes whose faces were to be carved on a hypothetical mountainside. Propose your Mount Rushmore of Science or Art or Writing or Philosophy or Music or....

Which four faces would you honor on a mountainside? Why?