

APPLICATION FOR MID-YEAR ADMISSION TO THE HONORS PROGRAM at Meredith College

Thank you for your interest in the Meredith College Honors Program. The Honors program is an enriched academic program for gifted and motivated students. We admit highly qualified students without regard to race, creed, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age or disability.

WHO MAY APPLY? Most Honors students are admitted as incoming freshmen. *However, a small number of talented and motivated students are accepted to the program at mid-year.* We invite and encourage applications from current Meredith College students who meet the following requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 15 credit hours at Meredith (inclusive of the current semester) and with at least 60 hours remaining until graduation.
- A strong academic track record. This would typically include: outstanding Meredith College GPA (most students admitted at mid-year are above 3.85); a challenging course selection; a consistent record of academic and/or personal challenge and accomplishment prior to attending Meredith College.
- Motivation and desire to participate fully in the Honors program. We are looking for individuals who will both benefit from and contribute to the community of scholars who form the Honors program.

WHY APPLY? As a student in the Honors program, you are eligible to: take courses designed exclusively for Honors students; participate in the cultural enrichment events of the Focus on Excellence series; take part in Honors travel-and-learn experiences; and participate in and contribute to the variety of enrichment opportunities and shared experiences that create the Meredith Honors community. Upon successful completion of the program, you will graduate as an Honors scholar with special recognition on your transcript and in the commencement program. Mid-year admission to Honors does not make you eligible for additional scholarship money. It will, however, provide you with a set of enriching experiences and relationships that will have a lifelong impact. For more information on program benefits, visit meredith.edu/academics/honors-program/benefits.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS? Most Honors requirements dovetail with your existing General Education and major requirements. For a detailed list of requirements, visit meredith.edu/academics/honors-program/requirements.

To determine how participation in the Honors program will affect your individual schedule and four-year plan, talk with your academic adviser and make an appointment with the Honors Program Director.

HOW AND WHEN DO I APPLY? Applications for mid-year admission are accepted in late November and early December. The deadline for application for mid-year is not later than the start of the spring semester. Complete the application form below and return it, along with the accompanying materials, to Cece Toole, Honors program Director (toolecec@meredith.edu, 208 Ledford Hall). The Honors program will review applications after fall semester grades have been submitted to the Registrar, and will schedule interviews (be sure to check your email during the holiday break). This is the unique day for interviews; sorry, we cannot reschedule. You can expect a decision by the drop/add date in order to make any adjustments to your semester schedule.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HONORS

PROGRAM? If you are invited to interview, be sure to inform yourself about the benefits and requirements of the Honors program before you arrive! Ask around on campus, look at the course catalogue, talk to a current Honors student, and spend some time on the Honors website.

MORE QUESTIONS? Consult the Honors website. Contact Cece Toole, toolecec@meredith.edu

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• SECTION ONE

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Local Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Meredith Email: _____

Phone: _____ Class: _____ Adviser: _____

Major(s): _____ Total # of Meredith College credit hours: _____

Minor(s): _____

For traditional students with fewer than 26 credit hours, what was your final high school UNWEIGHTED GPA?_.
For nontraditional students, please provide a brief statement describing your background before attending Meredith College.
**(Note: the minimum amount of credit hours required for admission to the Honors program is 15 hours completed at Meredith, including the current semester. To be considered for the Honors program, applicants must have AT LEAST 60 hours remaining to complete before graduation.)*

• SECTION TWO

Co-Curricular Activities: _____

• SECTION THREE

Please submit a typed essay (with this application) addressing the following question:

The Meredith College Honors program encourages students to be actively involved both on campus and in the community. What does being actively involved mean to you? How, specifically, would you contribute to the campus and/or community?

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- A copy of one (1) graded sample of written work from a Meredith College class
- A recommendation from TWO (2) Meredith College faculty members (for the recommendation form, see next page)
- A copy of your transcript ("Course History") from Self Service or the Registrar's Office
- For NONTRADITIONAL students, please provide a brief statement describing your background before attending Meredith College.

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FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

Name of student applying to the Honors program: _____

Name of faculty member recommending this student: _____

The Honors program assumes that students applying for admission are strong students. We have limited space, however, and will likely admit fewer than ten (10) students. We ask you to help us evaluate whether this student is exceptional and will both contribute to and benefit from the program.

Among the students you have taught at your institution, how would this student rank on the following criteria? (circle one)

To what extent does she go beyond the course requirements to explore the subject in depth?

Excellent Top 5% top 10% top 15% top 20% top 25% Average

How in-depth are her ideas? What is her overall quality of mind?

Excellent Top 5% top 10% top 15% top 20% top 25% Average

To what extent does she bring a unique or extraordinary perspective to the classroom?

Excellent Top 5% top 10% top 15% top 20% top 25% Average

To what extent do you think she will benefit from the Honors program at Meredith College?

Excellent Top 5% top 10% top 15% top 20% top 25% Average

To what extent do you think she will contribute to the Honors program at Meredith College?

Excellent Top 5% top 10% top 15% top 20% top 25% Average

How strongly do you recommend this student?

*Recommend with Recommend with Recommend Recommend with Do not
enthusiasm confidence reservation recommend*

If you recommend this student, please elaborate on the specific qualities that make her an exceptional student. _____

Signature of Faculty Member: _____ Date: _____