

**Admission to the Honors Program
at Gordon State College**



Application Requirements

New Students: Students who are applying with less than 12 hours of college credit completed should apply as new students. New students are required to supply their high school GPA as well as Math and Verbal scores on either the SAT or ACT on the application form below. New students should also submit an essay based on one of the prompts in Section 2 of the application form and complete the Statement of Purpose in Section 3 of the application.

Current Students: Students who have completed at least 12 hours of college credit should apply as current students. Current students are required to supply their college GPA in the “current students” section on the application form below. Current students should also submit a letter of recommendation from a full-time member of the Gordon State College faculty (or other appropriate college faculty member for transfer students). Current students should also submit an essay based on one of the prompts in Section 2 of the application form and complete the Statement of Purpose in Section 3 of the application.

All applicants are invited, though not required, to include further evidence that shows intellectual potential as part of their application package.

Note that MOWR (Move on When Ready) are eligible to apply to the Honors Program at Gordon State College, subject to the criteria listed above.

Essay Guidelines: The essay should exhibit attributes that demonstrate intellectual potential and attention to detail. It should be clearly organized and follow the fundamental rules of English grammar. The essay is an important part of the application and will be carefully read by the Gordon State College Faculty Honors Council. That said, students are encouraged to be creative and personally expressive in their responses. More than any other component of the application, the essay provides students with the opportunity to showcase their unique character and quality of mind.

Send completed applications to: honors@gordonstate.edu

or submit them to:

Dr. David Janssen
Honors Program Coordinator
Honors House, 109
Gordon State College
419 College Drive
Barnesville, GA 30204

Honors Application Deadlines:

- Fall application deadline: October 10th (for acceptance notification by October 31st)
- Spring priority application deadline: March 1st (for acceptance notification by April 30th)
- Spring final application deadline: May 1st (for acceptance notification by May 31st)
- Additional/late applications may be fielded on a space-available basis.

Date: _____
Name: _____ Student ID #: _____
Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone 1: _____
Email: _____ Phone 2: _____

1. Evidence of academic potential:

New Freshmen (students who have completed less than 12 hours of college-level work):

High School: _____ Date of Graduation (mo/yr): _____

High School GPA: _____

Test Scores (at least one set required): SAT: M _____ V _____ ACT: M _____ V _____

Awards/Honors/Activities: _____

Current or transfer students (Students who have completed at least 12 hours of college-level work):

College GPA: _____

Required of current or transfer students only: Please attach a letter of reference from a full-time member of the Gordon State College faculty (or other appropriate faculty member for transfer students).

2. **Essay:** The essay should be 400-600 words long, using a standard essay format. Essays will be evaluated in terms of content and presentation. **The essay is required of all applicants and should be included as part of the application package.** Write an essay on one of the following prompts:

- What do you consider to be the best advice you ever received? Who gave you that advice, and do you follow that advice or not?
- What would you describe to be a unique skill or talent that differentiates you from everyone else?
- Discuss a subject that you would like to study in an Honors course. Explain why.

3. **Statement of Purpose (required of all applicants):** Answer the following question with a short paragraph in the space provided:

In your view, what is an Honors student, and why do you wish to be part of the Honors Program at Gordon State College?
