



HONORS COLLEGE APPLICATION

In reviewing applications, the Honors College places special emphasis on the written material submitted. The strength of the high school curriculum and GPA are also very important. **First-year students** who wish to apply to the Honors College should have a high school GPA of 3.5 or better. Please note that for Fall 2021 applicants, the Honors College is following UMBC's test-optional approach to admissions, to provide students the opportunity to apply with or without standardized test scores. Our admissions process is holistic, and you will not be penalized if you choose not to submit test scores. If you choose to submit test scores, successful applicants for Fall 2020 had an average of 1400 on the SAT and an average of over 30 on the ACT. **Transfer students** who wish to apply to the Honors College should have a strong GPA (above a 3.5) and typically should have been enrolled in an honors program at their previous institution. **Current UMBC students** who wish to apply to the Honors College should have a strong GPA (above a 3.5) at UMBC.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION

First-year

Early Action: November 1
Regular Decision: February 1
(Note: First-year students can only be admitted to the Honors College for the fall semester.)

Transfer

Fall:
Priority: March 15
Regular: June 1
Spring:
Priority: November 1
Regular: December 15

Established

Rolling

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YEAR) ____/____/____

Please check applicable status:

- First-year
 Transfer
 Current UMBC Student

Please check applicable semester:

- Fall 20__
 Spring 20 __

ESSAY

Instructions. In approximately 600 words, please select one of the following prompts to address:

- The Constitution of the United States currently has 27 amendments. What should be the 28th Amendment and why?
- What event, either in the past or a realistic future, do you wish you could witness? Please explain why you chose this event.

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Instructions. In a paragraph of no more than 250 words, answer each of these questions:

1. What are your principal areas of academic interest? What are your career goals?

2. What are your areas of interest and involvement in and outside of school?

3. What service and leadership experience have you engaged in through school and/or your community?

Signature (type name if submitting electronically):

Date:

Please return your completed application to:

Preferred method: honorscollege@umbc.edu

Or by mail to: UMBC Honors College
1000 Hilltop Circle
Albin O. Kuhn Library, Room
216L Baltimore, MD 21250

For more information on the Honors College at UMBC, visit honors.umbc.edu