



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 2025 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.

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. Please select a prompt and put your response in the box (600-650 words).

- Prompt 1: The Constitution of the United States currently has 27 amendments. What should be the 28th Amendment and why?
- Prompt 2: What historic event do you wish you could witness? Please explain why you chose this event.

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Instructions. Please provide a full paragraph for each of the following questions:

1. What are your principal areas of academic interest? What are your career goals? (25-250 words)

2. What are your areas of interest and involvement in and outside of school? (25-250 words)

3. What service and leadership experience have you engaged in through school and/or your community? (25-250 words)

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

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