

# HONORS PROGRAM

Application for Fall 2010 Admission

**Applications will be accepted between November 2, 2009 and June 30, 2010.**

**FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HCC STUDENT ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete this application form and submit all of the documents listed below to the Records Office in Student Services (first floor, Community Commons Building, Normal Campus) between November 2, 2009 and June 30, 2010. Application packets also may be mailed to:

**The Honors Program**  
c/o Amanda Rambo, Program Admission  
1500 W. Raab Rd.  
Normal, IL 61761

- 1. Complete application to Heartland Community College.**
- 2. Official copy of complete high school transcripts.** Applicants currently enrolled in their last high school semester are asked to submit their most recent, or "seventh-semester," high school transcripts.
- 3. Complete ACT scores from their high school or from the ACT organization.**
- 4. An essay of 300 to 500 words on the following topic:**  
*In which ways is knowledge related to civic action?*  
(Does knowledge of an important issue require an active response?)

Selections will be made no later than June 30, 2010, after which notifications will be sent to each applicant at the address s/he has provided above.



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## Important Information



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### **ADMISSION/APPLICATION CRITERIA**

In order to complete the Honors Program application process, students must submit an Honors Program application, as well as an official high school transcript\* (through fall semester of their senior year, when available) and a complete set of ACT scores from their high school or from the ACT organization itself. Applicants for the Honors Program must have an ACT composite score of 25 or higher. Students also must submit a 300 to 500 word essay focusing on the question "In which ways is knowledge related to civic action?" before May 21, 2010. The essay will be reviewed by an Honors Program selection committee.

*\*Students accepted to the program while still attending high school are required to resubmit official high school transcripts upon graduation.*

### **THE REVIEW PROCESS**

Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission into Heartland's Honors Program. Honors Program representatives reserve the right to select the most qualified candidates from among all applicants.

After the end of the application period all complete applications will be reviewed and considered for admission using a standard set of criteria:

1. Meeting or exceeding minimum ACT score standards
2. High school transcript evaluation (e.g., relevant preparatory courses taken, 7<sup>th</sup> semester GPA)
3. Strength of essay
4. Number of available seats in the program

### **THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS**

After the application review process, letters of notification will be sent to all Honors Program applicants. Honors Program representatives will read and rank all of the essays as soon as possible after the close of the application period; however, the volume of applications will determine the length of the review process and the notification date. Notification announcements will be sent via standard mail. Students who qualify for admission to the Honors Program but for whom there is no available seat will be notified of their standing as an alternate. If and when a seat becomes available, alternates also will be notified via standard mail.

## THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Students admitted into the Honors Program will need to attend a Student Orientation, Advisement, & Registration (SOAR) session, at which time they will register for core classes within the program and any additional courses. Students need to additionally attend an orientation session with Honors Program personnel.

The Honors orientation will cover all aspects of the Honors Program including course details, program faculty, social and educational events, information about the College and the educational resources available to students. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the orientation.

As part of the orientation, Honors Program students also will complete an application for provisional membership in the Heartland chapter of Phi Theta Kappa—International Honor Society of the Two Year College. Phi Theta Kappa is part of the Alliance for Educational Excellence along with Phi Beta Kappa and the National Honor Society Alliance. During the second semester, Honors Program students earning a 3.5 GPA and meeting good citizenship requirements can become members of Phi Theta Kappa and have their membership dues paid by the Honors Program. Phi Theta Kappa is an integral part of the Honors Program and is a source for scholarship information and opportunities for leadership training and advancement. For more information, visit Phi Theta Kappa's Web site at <http://www.ptk.org/>.

## THE ESSAY TOPIC AND PROMPTS

The Honors Program admission essay is to be 300 to 500 words on the following topic: **In which ways is knowledge related to civic action?** (Does knowledge of an important issue require an active response?) Creativity is encouraged, but not before clarity.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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