NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Eagle Scholars Honors Program Application Instructions for 2013–14

Application materials must be received on or before **noon** on **Thursday, January 17, 2013**. Applicants will be notified by March 1, 2013. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

NOTE: You must be first accepted at Northwestern College to be eligible to apply for the Eagle Scholars Honors Program.

The application consists of three parts:

I. Personal Profile Information
II. Essay Question Response
III. Supporting Scholarly Work

Please note the following:

- Put your name on every page of your application.
- If you are mailing your application, do not put your personal profile information or essays in plastic covers.
- For every piece of writing you send us,
  - Use more than one paragraph.
  - Proofread carefully for spelling errors and typos and correct them. Any errors hurt your score.
  - Use complete sentences. Don't use any fragments.
  - Proofread by reading your sentences carefully aloud so that you don't leave words out or make any mistakes in your sentences. Fix all your errors.
  - Do not use any slang or colloquialisms. Use standard academic language, not informal or conversational language.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact honorsprogram@nwc.edu.

I. PERSONAL PROFILE INFORMATION

Provide the following information in your application:

- Name
- Complete mailing address
- Home telephone number
- Cell phone number
- Primary e-mail address
- Alternate e-mail address
- High school name, city, and state

II. ESSAY

You will need to write an essay about a current event situation. You can find a news article on your own or use the following link to locate one: www.realclearpolitics.com (note the bar at the top of the website with links to other Real Clear websites such as World, Science, Religion, etc.). You may write about a current event situation in any category of your choice. Write a summary and response paper about your chosen news article. You must include a citation for the article you use for your essay.

- Your essay should have a total of 1,000 words to 1,500 words.
- Do not use any quotes. Your paper should be all in your own words.
- Start your paper with a summary. Use no more than 300 words to summarize the issue or event. Remember, put this in your own words; don't use quotes. Don't use phrases from the article.
- The rest of the paper is your response. We have no particular guidelines for the content of your response, but we do expect that you will organize your ideas into paragraphs based upon main points.

- For every piece of writing you send us,
    - Use more than one paragraph.
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III. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OF SCHOLARLY WORK

With this application, you must furnish two examples of evidence of your scholarly work. Send copies of these samples, not originals. Do not send the graded copy of an assignment. These will not be returned to you.

A. An essay, research paper, or scholarly report

- This must be at least 1,200 words and no more than 3,000 words. The word count does not include the title page or reference pages.
- You must include the **context of your paper.**
    - What was the assignment?
    - Under what circumstances did you write the paper?
    - How long were you given to complete the assignment?
    - Did you work with anyone else on the assignment? What role did each person have?
- Please note the following:
    - We are looking for evidence of both writing ability and higher-level thinking.
    - If you wrote the paper for a class, consider revising it based upon feedback from your teacher. You may certainly improve it before you send it to us. Again, please proofread your submission carefully.
- Follow these directions to get the highest score possible.
    - Make sure you have a thesis.
    - Make sure you have main points that support your thesis.
    - Make sure that you have details that support your main points.
    - If you are using sources, make sure that you use correct MLA or APA format. (Sources are not required, but if you do use sources, use them correctly.)
    - Don't use "I," "me," "my," "we," "us," or "our" in the paper.
    - Do not refer to your paper in your paper. Do NOT use phrases such as "this paper" or "After considering…, it is necessary to consider…"
- For every piece of writing you send us,
    - Use more than one paragraph.
    - Proofread carefully for spelling errors and typos and correct them. Any errors hurt your score.
    - Use complete sentences. Don't use any fragments.
    - Proofread by reading your sentences carefully aloud so that you don't leave words out or make any mistakes in your sentences. Fix all your errors.
    - Do not use any slang or colloquialisms. Use standard academic language, not informal or conversational language.

B. Another sample of scholarly work

- This second sample of scholarly work may be another paper; if you send another paper, follow the instructions above for an essay, research paper, or scholarly report. However, this second sample of scholarly work does not have to be written text.

- This can be your work in any discipline. For example, you could include pictures of a work of art, a video portrayal of a science project with a lab report, a creative writing project (no more than 15 pages), or a DVD of you giving a speech. If it is a musical performance, make sure it is an individual performance, rather than a group performance. *Please use current technology when submitting a DVD.*
- Send a **copy,** not an original. It will **not** be returned.
- You must include the **context of your work.**
    - What was the assignment?
    - Under what circumstances did you do this work?
    - Did you work with anyone on the assignment? What role did each person have?
    - Tell us generally about your process in creating this second piece of scholarly work.
- A college faculty member in the appropriate academic field will judge your second scholarship sample. (For example, a professor of piano will judge piano submissions and a professor of math with judge math submissions.). Be sure to consider carefully what you should send for this second sample of scholarly work. Make sure that whatever you send is your best possible work in the discipline in which you do your best.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

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You may submit your application materials via the following options:

By Mail

Dr. Kathleen Black
Director, Eagle Scholars Honors Program
Northwestern College
3003 Snelling Avenue North
N3139
St. Paul, MN 55113-1598

By E-mail

honorsprogram@nwc.edu
If you send your application via e-mail attachment, please include your entire application as one document, when possible. You may send your scholarly work samples separately (either as separate e-mail attachments or through the mail). All materials must be received by the deadline.

Note: If you are in another country or expect that your mail delivery might be slow, please send all material as an e-mail attachment so that your application arrives in time to be considered.

Confirmation of Receipt Requests

If you would like confirmation that we received your application, you may send a request by e-mail to honorsprogram@nwc.edu. Please include "Confirmation Request—[name of applicant]" in the subject line. A confirmation will be sent by e-mail on or before January 19. 2013. Because of the number of applications we receive, we are unable to confirm receipt of any applications by phone.