

# Incoming Freshman Application

*for Fall 2022*



**Challenge.**



**Excellence.**



**Growth.**

## Qualifications

The minimum qualifications\* for Honors College consideration include:

- 3.70 unweighted high school GPA

\*Meeting the minimum qualifications means that you are only eligible for consideration, and that your application will be reviewed by the Honors Admissions Committee. Satisfying these criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the Honors College.

### TEST OPTIONAL POLICY

In recognition of the challenges presented to our prospective students and their families by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, applicants are not required to submit a standardized test score to be considered for admission for the 2022-23 academic year.

## Application Overview

The Honors College application consists of:

- Two required essays
- An involvement and activities section
- An awards section

In addition, the following required materials must be submitted:

- One teacher recommendation form and letter
- One guidance counselor recommendation form and letter
- High school transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable)

# How to Apply

Admission to the Clemson University Honors College is highly competitive. Beyond meeting academic criteria, you will want to take great care in producing a thoughtful and well-written application.

The Honors College application is separate from, and in addition to, your Clemson University Undergraduate application. You must submit your Undergraduate application before you can access the Honors College application. You will not receive an invitation to apply.

You will be prompted to complete the following sections in the application:

- **Essays.** Write well-developed essay responses (500 words maximum each) for the required essay prompts (review the prompts on the [Honors College website](#)). Essays constitute a critical part of your Honors College application. Thoughtful and original responses will provide the Honors Admissions Committee with key insights into your accomplishments, intellectual curiosity, and vision. Be genuine in your essay responses, highlighting personal insights and passions, rather than merely listing your accomplishments. Use these essays as an opportunity to separate yourself from the competition- what makes you an ideal candidate for the Honors College?
- **Involvement and activities.** Describe up to seven of the most significant leadership, service, work, learning, and/or enrichment activities (e.g., independent research or study, clubs, studies abroad, internships, work, hobbies) in which you have participated in your high school career. For each activity, you will be asked to describe:
  - an overview of the activity,
  - your time commitment to it,
  - your leadership in it,
  - and the impact(s) you have made.
- **Awards.** Describe up to five awards or recognitions you have received during your high school career that you regard as significant.
- **Recommendation forms.** Within the Clemson University application portal, submit the names and contact information of your assigned guidance counselor and a teacher of your choosing to provide recommendations on your behalf. They will each receive an email prompting them to submit a recommendation form which will be uploaded directly to your application portal.

# Application Tips

## Be Proactive and Prepared

- Submit your Undergraduate application early to give yourself an ample amount of time to complete your Honors application.
- Before the end of the Undergraduate application, there will be a question asking if you are interested in applying to the Honors College. If interested, you should select “Yes” in order to get access to the Honors application after you submit your Undergraduate application.
- Ask for recommendations early! We recommend you submit your recommenders' contact information as soon as you access the Honors College application.
- We recommend using a word processing software to compose the written works for your application (i.e., essays, and involvement and awards sections). Proofread your essays many times, and have others review them as well.
- Please take great care in reviewing your application before submitting it. Neither you nor the Honors College staff can make changes to your application once it is submitted. The only change that you can make is to upload additional, optional supporting materials.

## Required Materials

- All required materials need to be uploaded directly to your application portal. Please make note of the following:
  - Your **high school transcript** needs to be self-reported for your Undergraduate application AND uploaded to Honors College application by yourself or your guidance counselor. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
  - **Standardized test scores**--if you choose to submit them (2021-22 admissions cycle)--should be sent only to Undergraduate Admissions.
  - **Recommendation forms** must be completed and submitted by a guidance counselor and teacher of your choice.
- You have the option to upload up to 3 supporting materials (e.g., resume, writing sample, etc.) and up to 2 additional letters of recommendation. Your application will not be negatively affected if you decide not to upload these materials.

## Clemson University Application Portal

You can open and view your Honors College application at any time using your Clemson University application portal. After your Honors application is submitted, you can verify receipt of all your Honors application materials by checking your [Clemson University applicant portal](#). Keep track of your username and password!

# Important Dates & Deadlines

Both the Clemson University undergraduate and Honors College applications open on **August 1**.

In order to receive a decision by your desired notification date (i.e, February 15 or April 1), you **MUST** meet **BOTH** of the respective deadlines.

For notification by:	Honors College application	Required materials
February 15 (Priority Applicants)	November 1	November 15
April 1 (Non-Priority Applicants)	February 22	March 1

# Questions?

For more information, visit <http://www.clemson.edu/cuhonors/prospective-students/admissions/>  
Additional questions can be directed to [HonorsAdmissions@clemson.edu](mailto:HonorsAdmissions@clemson.edu)