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HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Optional, First-Year Students Applying for September Admission Only

The Honors Program at Emerson College is an academic experience that challenges students to excel in the fields of communication and the arts, and enriches their college experience with rigorous intellectual pursuits complemented by interpersonal development. During the first two years, Honors Program students participate in seminars that fulfill Emerson’s general education requirements through interdisciplinary study. In their third and fourth years, students take an Honors Seminar in their major and complete an Honors Thesis.

Each Honors Program Scholar is also awarded a half-tuition Trustees Scholarship, which is renewable for four years at the College. More information is available at emerson.edu/admission/honors.

To the Applicant:

Your application to the Honors Program at Emerson College is *in addition* to the Common Application and Application Supplement required by the Office of Undergraduate Admission. In order to be considered for the Honors Program, you **MUST** complete two additional application requirements found online at emerson.edu/admission/honors. Your Honors Program application must be submitted no later than February 1 or, if applying for Early Action, by November 15.

Birth Date ____/____/____
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Social Security Number _____
(Optional)

Legal Name _____
Enter name **exactly** as it appears on official documents. Last/Family First Middle (complete) Jr., etc. Female Male

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City/Town State/Province Country Zip/Postal Code

Email Address _____

APPLICATION TO THE HONORS PROGRAM

Each fall, approximately 50 outstanding first-year applicants enroll in the Honors Program. They are selected for their superior intellectual, extracurricular, and community achievements in secondary school. If you wish to apply for the Honors Program, you must submit a 400-500 word essay and graded writing sample. Please be sure include your name, Social Security Number, and the words “Honors Program Application” on any material you mail in.

PART I - HONORS PROGRAM ESSAY

Please respond to the following in approximately 400-600 words:

Wallace Bacon, a recipient of an honorary doctorate from Emerson College in 1975, wrote that the liberal arts, or humanities, “are concerned with the question of what makes life worth living. And that question concerns not simply oneself but others. The humanities must help us learn who we are; they must help us learn the otherness of others.”

In this light, describe an encounter with someone or something different—an “other” which revealed to you your sense of self and your relation to humanity. This encounter may involve a person, place, culture, or text (book, speech, film, play, etc.).

PART II - HONORS PROGRAM GRADED WRITING SAMPLE

Please submit a graded writing sample from an 11th or 12th grade Humanities class (English, history, or social studies). Please do not submit work from a summer school class. Your paper should be an example of analytical rather than creative writing, approximately 4-8 pages in length. Be sure your name, Social Security Number, and the words “Honors Program Graded Writing Sample” appear on the front page.