

1. HONORS ADMISSIONS POLICY

The W.E. B. DuBois Honors Program is a four year learning community. The majority of the students in the program will begin their educational journey in their freshman year. The admissions process for the W.E. B. DuBois Honors Program is selective; not all students meeting the 3.50 GPA criteria will be admitted. **The ideal candidate has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership potential and community service.** With each incoming class, the Honors Faculty Admissions Committee strives to create a dynamic and well-rounded group of scholars who will contribute to every aspect of the Honors community. Admitted students typically have superior grade point averages, a strong application essay, exhibit exceptional leadership qualities, have had unusual life experiences, and/or display significant community involvement.

There is an additional entry opportunity for students who do not join the program at the start of their freshman year but who demonstrate the outstanding characteristics of the Honors student community. The Honors Program accepts applications from rising sophomores who are completing their first year of study with distinction at Huston-Tillotson University. **For these second year student applicants (rising sophomore level), the financial aid award will be based on their individual need. Upon their admission to the Honors Program and an evaluation of their financial need, some of the second year student applicants may receive the Honors Scholarship Award and others may not.** Applicants may still be eligible for a voucher to cover their book costs. Prospective students should be mindful of deadlines and work to ensure that a complete application is on file by the appropriate date.

Listed below are the W.E. B. DuBois Honors Program admission periods:

Entry Type	GPA Requirement	Application Period	Application Components	Additional criteria reviewed in the admissions process
1st Year Open to High School Seniors who have been admitted to HT	Minimum Cumulative High School GPA of 3.50	Opens late January and closes in mid-April	Requires: (1) DuBois Application (2) Admissions Essay (3) Recommendation letter from teacher (4) H.S. Transcript	Excellent high school record of: (1) Academic performance (2) Leadership potential (3) Community service

<p>2nd Year Open to HT freshmen</p>	<p>Minimum Cumulative HT GPA of 3.50</p>	<p>Opens early April and closes in early June</p>	<p>Requires: (1) DuBois application (2) Admissions essay (2) Recommendation letter from professor (3) Transcript</p>	<p>Excellent HT record of: (1) Academic performance (2) Demonstrated leadership potential (3) Community service</p>
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2. HONORS SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

Students receiving the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholarship Award (award) must be enrolled as full-time students with 15 or more credit hours each semester. The award is available to students in good academic standing during regular fall and spring semesters only, and is not available during the summer academic session nor is it available for study abroad. The Honors scholarship is terminated if the student recipient interrupts full-time enrollment other than for summer break. The one possible exception is a semester-long medical leave that is necessary for the health and well-being of the Scholar.

In accordance with Huston-Tillotson University's institutional scholarship policy, a DuBois Scholar's award may be reduced under the following circumstances: During the course of a Scholar's matriculation, the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholarship Award may be reduced if the total financial aid available to a Scholar is more than the Scholar's Direct Costs, defined as tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board. Unless specifically stated, scholarships do not cover books.

Honors scholarships are awarded for up to four years of normal degree completion (120 earned credits). For students who are enrolled in their final semester and who require fewer than 15 credit hours to complete their degree requirements, the University may permit a student to receive a prorated portion of his or her scholarship for the final semester. Students who receive this scholarship and who wish to enroll for fewer than 15 credit hours in their final semester must petition the Director of Financial Aid to determine if they qualify for a prorated award. Petitions must be filed prior to the beginning of early registration (mid-November and early April) in order to be considered.