Honors Program, Rising Sophomore Opportunity

Each year, approximately 2-5 students will receive letters of acceptance into the Honors Program via the Rising Sophomore Opportunity. If accepted, you will be eligible for a tuition waiver (covering your HT tuition and fees), and you will join the W.E.B. DuBois Scholars honor students who participate in specialized honors courses, career oriented opportunities, service project and cultural enrichment events.

The goals of our W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program are as follows:
- To motivate academically gifted and talented students
- To foster intellectual independence and the pursuit of academic excellence
- To intensify the learning experience at Huston-Tillotson University
- To prepare students for graduate schools and professional careers
- To promote lifelong learning

CHECKLIST:
- Completed W.E.B DuBois Honors Program Application
- HT Transcript
- Required Essay
- 1 Recommendation Letter from an HT Faculty Member
- Signed Documentation Displaying Completed Community Service hours
- Email or Mail Completed DuBois Application to the address below

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Minimum 3.5 Cumulative GPA for the 2020-2021 academic year
- Entered HT in fall 2020 as a full-time, first-year college student
- Earned a minimum of 27 credits toward graduation during the 2020-2021 academic year
- Completed a minimum of 30 hours of community service, during the 2020-2021 academic year
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Completed Freshman Seminar I and II
- Must reside on campus during your sophomore, junior, and senior years here at Huston-Tillotson

Mail W.E.B. DuBois Honor Program application materials to:

Mrs. Jacqueline Tealer, Director
The Center for Academic Excellence
Jackson-Moody Building Room 101
Huston-Tillotson University
900 Chicon Street
Austin, Texas 78702
Telephone: 512-505-3094
Email: honors@htu.edu

Questions and concerns can be directed to The Center for Academic Excellence by calling (512) 505-3094, or emailing honors@htu.edu. Thank you for your interest in the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program at Huston-Tillotson University!
W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program
Huston-Tillotson University
Application for the 2021-2022 Academic Year
Rising Sophomore Opportunity

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF HONORS APPLICATION IS JUNE 27TH, 2020

1. **Personal Data** *(please type or print neatly in ink)*

   Name: _________________________________________________________________

   Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

       Street                        City                        State                        Zip                        Country

   Telephone: ___(   )____-________    ___(   )____-____________

       Home                        Cellular

   Email Address: ________________________________________________________________

   Date of Birth: ___________________________    Age: ___________________________

   Gender:  ☐ Female    ☐ Male    ☐ Non-Binary    ☐ Other

   Mother’s/Guardian’s Name: _______________________________________________________

   Occupation of Mother or Guardian: ______________________________________________

   Father’s/Guardian’s Name: _______________________________________________________

   Occupation of Mother or Guardian: ______________________________________________

   Number of Brothers: _______________    Number of Sisters: _______________

2. **Education Information** *(please type or print neatly in ink)*

   High School: _________________________________________________________________

   Address of High School: _______________________________________________________

   Size of Graduation Class: _______    Class Rank: _______    Graduation Date: _______

   What was your High School Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) [on a 4.00 scale]: __________

   What is your GPA at Huston-Tillotson University: _________________________________

   What is your major at Huston-Tillotson University: _________________________________

   What is your intended career after graduating from HT: _________________________________

   Who is Dr. W.E.B. DuBois? Please share your perspective as to why Huston-Tillotson
University would name our Honors Program after this individual.

   Short Essay should be affixed, by paperclip, to this application.
3. **Telephone Interview** *(please type)*

What are your preferred days of the week and times that we may call you for a telephone interview, lasting approximately 15 minutes? We will telephone several days in advance to confirm the actual day and time for the interview.

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4. **Interest Profile** *(please type or print neatly in ink)*

List two, or three memorable books you have read during the past two years:

a) ____________________________
b) ____________________________
c) ____________________________

List your school activities:

a) ____________________________
b) ____________________________
c) ____________________________

List your community activities:

a) ____________________________
b) ____________________________
c) ____________________________

Which cultural events have you attended in the past two years? *(Check all that apply)*

- □ Play
- □ Museum Exhibit
- □ Symphony, or other musical concert
- □ Vocal Concert
- □ Dance Concert
- □ Other: ____________________________

5. **Writing Sample**

Write an essay (approximately two (2) type-written pages, double-spaced, 1” margins using Microsoft Word) indicating why you want to become a Scholar in the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program at Huston-Tillotson University. Also discuss your academic qualifications that make you a good candidate for the Honors Program.

Essay should be affixed, by paperclip, to this application.
6. **Faculty Recommendation Form**

**Student Applicant:**

Please complete the blank spaces on this form before giving it to the teacher who will recommend you. The teacher may send this completed form along with the letter of recommendation directly to Mrs. Jacqueline Tealer or the shared applicant may include the teacher’s sealed letter and form in his or her application packet:

**Mrs. Jacqueline Tealer, Director**  
The Center for Academic Excellence  
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900 Chicon Street  
Austin, Texas 78702  
**Telephone:** 512-505-3094  
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**To the Teacher/Recommender:**

Your student, whose name is indicated below, is applying for admission to the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program. Our Honors Program is named for Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, the African American sociologist, historian, writer, civil rights activist and intellectual of the twentieth century. Launched during the fall semester of 2003, the Honors Program serves academically gifted and talented students whose high school accomplishments are indicative of their intellectual ability, motivation, and leadership ability. The program offers students scholarship assistance and a unique opportunity to enrich their undergraduate education through specialized curricula, career-oriented opportunities, service learning, and cultural activities.

Please assist us by indicating in your letter the student’s qualifications for admission to our Program, including his/her/their academic ability, level of maturity, and leadership potential.

**APPLICANT’S NAME:** _____________________________________________________________

**CLASS YOU TAUGHT APPLICANT:** _________________________________________________

**RECOMMENDER’S NAME & TITLE:** ________________________________________________

**RECOMMENDER’S EMAIL OR PHONE:** _____________________________________________

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**To the Applicant:**

In accordance with the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation by signing the statement below. Should you decide not to waive your right, you will have access to the recommendation if you become a member of the Honors Program.

- [ ] I hereby waive my right of access to this recommendation.
- [ ] I do not waive my right of access to this recommendation.

**Applicant’s Signature:** _____________________________ **Date:** __________________________