

NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY.
ROBERT C. NUSBAUM

HONORS COLLEGE APPLICATION



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**Application for Admission
and Scholarship Support
Priority Deadline
March 1**



APPLICATION FORM

A fillable PDF version of this form is also available online at www.nsu.edu/honors.
PROGRAM SELECTION — Please select the Program of Interest:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Parsons General Honors Program (all majors)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discipline-Specific Honors Program in one of the following:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business (Accounting, Entrepreneurial Studies, Finance, Management Information Systems, Marketing)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Education and Exercise Science
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Services Management
<input type="checkbox"/>	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interdisciplinary Studies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nursing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Work
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please consult the DSHP website for any programs made available since the printing of this application.	



Check your status

☐ High School Student ☐ Transfer Student ☐ Transfer Student with Associate's of Science, Arts or Arts and Sciences
(Note: Students entering with an associate's degree listed above need only take 18 hours of Honors courses for a special diploma.) ☐ Continuing NSU Student

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Today's Date: _____ Term of Entry: _____
(Fall/Spring) *(Year of Entry)*
2. Name: _____
Last *First* *MI* *Student ID* ☐ *Male* ☐ *Female*
3. Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
4. List all honors courses taken in high school or at another institution of higher learning. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

5. List honors or awards you have received while in high school or at an institution of higher learning.

6. List extracurricular activities.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION (High School Applicants Only, Fill Out This Section.)

7. High School: _____
8. Full Address: _____
9. Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Telephone Number: _____
10. Special diploma expected or awarded (e.g., International Baccalaureate): _____
11. State your most recent high school rank and the number of students in your class: _____ out of a total of _____

Transfer Students from VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES or OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.
(Transfer Applicants Only, Fill Out This Section.)

12. Name of Higher Learning Institution: _____
13. Full Address: _____
14. Please indicate your degree, if applicable: _____
15. Academic Advisor's Name: _____ Advisor's Phone Number: _____



APPLICATION STEPS

1. Complete your scholarship application form, making certain to select a program track and follow instructions. (The DNIMAS application is available at www.nsu.edu/dnimas.)
2. **PARSONS CANDIDATES:** Submit an essay between 500 and 1,000 words long. The essay should describe a piece of poetry or prose (i.e. a piece of literature, broadly defined) on any subject (literary, scientific, political or other) that has significantly influenced your life. If possible, relate this most influential piece of literature to your desire to enter the Robert C. Nusbaum Honors College.
3. **DSHP CANDIDATES:** Submit an essay that describes your future professional goals, what plans you have made towards achieving your goals, and why you wish to become a member of your major department and the Robert C. Nusbaum Honors College.

ALL CANDIDATES: If, for any reason, you use secondary sources in your essay, please cite them correctly. Do not ask others for help on this essay. Write it and proofread it yourself very carefully.

4. Submit one letter of reference, preferably on official letterhead, from someone who can support your ability to complete Honors College courses. Do not use the same letters you have submitted to the NSU Admissions Office. The letter may come from
 - a principal, guidance counselor, or academic advisor
 - a teacher
 - a person of your community not related to you (e.g., a minister or club sponsor)

5. **CONTINUING NSU STUDENTS:** Submit a résumé that includes your work and/or research experiences. YOU MUST ALSO SUBMIT THE ESSAY FOR THE TRACK YOU HAVE CHOSEN (EITHER PARSONS OR DSHP).

For additional information about the Parsons General Honors Program or Discipline-Specific Honors Programs, please call the Robert C. Nusbaum Honors College Office at (757) 823-8208 or email honors@nsu.edu. For questions about the DNIMAS Program, please call (757) 823-2511 or email amcclain@nsu.edu.

MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET FOR PARSONS OR DSHP TO

ROBERT C. NUSBAUM HONORS COLLEGE

Norfolk State University
700 Park Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23504

ALL DNIMAS APPLICATIONS ARE HANDLED BY THE DNIMAS OFFICE AND MAILED TO

Director of DNIMAS

Norfolk State University
700 Park Avenue,
Norfolk, VA 23504

Parsons and DSHP Candidates, be certain to include the application on page 7.

The Robert C. Nusbaum Honors College has three component programs:

Dozoretz National Institute for Mathematics and Applied Science (DNIMAS)

Parsons General Honors Program

Discipline-Specific Honors Programs (DSHP)

DNIMAS is for students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electronics Engineering, Mathematics, Optical Engineering or Physics. The deadline for applications is December 15. To apply to DNIMAS, use the **special separate DNIMAS application** described online at www.nsu.edu/dnimas or obtainable as a package from

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Norfolk, VA 23504

www.nsu.edu/dnimas

To apply for the **Parsons General Honors Program** (for All Majors) or one of the **Discipline-Specific Honors Programs (DSHP)** available in Business, Health, Health Services Management, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Nursing, Physical Education and Exercise Science, Psychology, Social Work, or Technology, **use this application**. See curricular goals of each track below.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARSONS AND DSHP TRACKS

Students must apply and be accepted to Norfolk State University before any Honors-related acceptance or scholarship can be awarded. Students applying to the University with certain combinations of grades and test scores receive an automatic acceptance into the Robert C. Nusbaum Honors College and scholarship awards while funds last. The grades and scores below are minimums. **All students (freshmen and continuing NSU students) who do NOT receive notice of an automatic acceptance must fill out this application, write the requested essay, and submit the requested letters of recommendation (and résumé for continuing students).**

Entering Freshmen: High school students are required to have a **combined 1080 SAT (Math plus Verbal)**. An ACT score of 21 is also acceptable. You must have at least a **3.0 unweighted high school GPA**. **NOTE: DNIMAS requires a 3.3 GPA and 1200 SAT/23 ACT.**

Current NSU Students and Transfer Students: You are required to have a 3.0 GPA and submit an application.

Priority Deadline: High School Students/Transfers: March 1
Current NSU Students: Rolling Deadline



BENEFITS OF JOINING THE ROBERT C. NUSBAUM HONORS COLLEGE

- **Renewable scholarship support** while funds last—(You must apply separately for certain scholarships.)
- **Convenient registration** and special advising
- Eligibility to live in **Midrise Honors College Residence Hall**

Be a **Junior Fellow** in a unique learning community with amenities including computer labs, quiet study rooms, a Junior Common Room (for large gatherings and Honors Cafés) and a Senior Common Room (for small meetings and seminars). Enjoy access to dozens of faculty and community mentors (the Senior Fellows of the Honors College).

- **Guaranteed internships** – Enjoy at least two summer and/or academic semester placements. Explore your career choice first-hand to see if it fits your dream!
- **Leadership training** at special Honors retreats and workshops
- Honors-level **foreign travel** opportunities
- **Free trips to Honors conferences** where you interact with other Honors students from colleges and universities throughout the state, region, and nation
- Assistance with acquiring **advanced skills in reading, writing, public speaking, and media literacy**
- **Free tickets** (with free pre- and post-event discussions) to theater, opera, civic and cultural events
- Support with **preparation for graduate school and national scholarship competitions**
- Membership in the **Honors College Student Association** plus advice on Honor societies, Greek organizations, etc.
- **Highest recognition at graduation**
- **An NSU diploma in your major with an Honors College seal and endorsement**
- **The preparation that will set you apart and improve your global marketability for the career of your choice.**

HONORS COLLEGE CURRICULAR TRACKS

DNIMAS: Curricular requirements for completing a special Honors College diploma in DNIMAS are explained at www.nsu.edu/dnimas.

PARSONS: To complete a special Honors College diploma in the Parsons General Honors Program, you must take 30 hours of Honors courses (any that fit into your major curriculum), to include the required Honors Seminar (General Studies 345H or General Studies 445H) as a capstone. For examples of previous Honors Seminar topics, see an RCNHC Handbook. The only exception to this standard is that transfer students entering with an academic associate's degree need take only 18 hours of Honors courses, to include GST 345H or GST 445H.

DSHP: To complete a special Honors College diploma in a Discipline-Specific Honors Program, you must take 18 hours of general education Honors courses designated by your department and 12 hours of Honors courses in your major (also designated by your department) to include a capstone course in the major (30 hours). Transfer students entering with an academic associate's degree will also be offered a reduced total of 18 Honors hours, to include the capstone in the major, in order to earn an Honors College diploma.

HONORS COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

DNIMAS students do the specialized activities required by the DNIMAS Program.

PARSONS students are required to participate in cultural and academic co-curricular activities that may be selected from a general Honors Calendar of events covering many disciplines.

DSHP students select from the same Honors Calendar but may be required to do designated departmental activities.

All Honors (H) classes and events are open to all Parsons, DSHP and DNIMAS students (with the proper course prerequisites, in the case of courses). Honors events on campus are generally open to ALL students, faculty and staff as well as the general public.