



# Honors

## PROGRAM

2011 - 2012

*T*he Honors Program at Rogers State University provides an atmosphere where our best and brightest scholars - students much like you - can challenge themselves academically and maximize their college experience. The Honors Program allows the opportunity for this select group of students to distinguish themselves both inside and outside of the classroom.

The Honors Program offers a generous scholarship package that fully covers tuition, fees, books, on-campus housing, and 1,000 Hillcat dollars annually. Other unique benefits include priority enrollment and specialized honors classes with curriculum geared for students eager for additional challenges. Opportunities also exist for joint faculty/student research projects and other involvement within your area of academic interest.

If you're prepared to follow your intellectual curiosities and acquire a broad understanding of the world, then consider applying to the Honors Program at Rogers State University. The experience will set the stage for your success in graduate school or in a distinguished career. A lifetime of opportunity awaits.



**ROGERS STATE**  
**UNIVERSITY**

## HONORS PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Scholarships covering full tuition, fees, and books
- Free on-campus housing
- 1,000 Hillcat dollars annually
- Priority enrollment in classes
- Joint faculty/student research opportunities and involvement
- Classes specifically geared for program students
- Engagement with a community of scholars
- Special recognition at graduation upon completing the program

*Note: Scholarships and awards from other sources may affect the total scholarship package. All actual amounts are determined in conjunction with a student's federal aid package.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an education in a collaborative, experiential, learning-based environment of faculty and students and to produce graduates of the program who act as agents of change in their academic, professional, and personal lives, cultivate the community approach to life and learning, hold lasting commitments to academic and social responsibility, integrate creative and critical thinking in diverse approaches to problem-solving, embrace the principles and practices of life-long learning, value pluralism and informed civic discourse, and explore technology and information literacy as critical resources for life in the 21st Century.

## QUALIFICATIONS AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Selection for the Honors Program is competitive. Students will be required to meet the following qualifications and admissions requirements:

- High school cumulative GPA of at least 3.5
- ACT Composite score of 26 or higher
- Recommendation letters, including two from academic references
- On-campus interview with the Honors Committee

## HONORS PROGRAM DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Honors Seminars	12 hours ( <i>one three-hour seminar per academic year</i> )
General Education	29 hours of the 41 required general education hours will be honors classes, with the remaining 12 hours from regular general education courses
Major and Minor Hours	67 to 71 hours, depending on degree program
Total Hours for Degree	120 to 124 hours, depending on degree program

The Honors Program is compatible with most of RSU's bachelor degrees, including bachelor's degrees in Applied Technology, Biology, Business Administration, Business Information Technology, Communications, Game Development, History, Justice Administration, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, Sport Management, and Visual Arts. For more information, call (918) 343-7606.

## HONORS COURSES

Honors courses at RSU are specifically designed to challenge students, as well as provide a supportive learning environment for this community of scholars. The honors courses are designed to integrate curriculum, develop and integrate learning communities, and assist in the integration and oversight of service-learning opportunities.

## SERVICE LEARNING

The Honors Program requires students to engage in at least 25 hours of service per year with government agencies, social service agencies, or non-commercial entities. This "service learning" component allows students to enrich their educational experiences via interaction with organizations that serve local, regional, national, or international communities. Service learning projects will be "real world" work that directly relates to the student's areas of academic or professional interests. All projects will be approved in advance by the faculty advisor and Director of the Honors Program.

## CONTACT

Dr. Jim Ford, Director of Honors Program  
Rogers State University  
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Claremore, OK 74017  
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# HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION OF ADMISSION

- **Deadline for all application materials is February 1.**
- Selection for the Honors Program is competitive.
- Campus interviews for finalists will be scheduled following the deadline.

Mail completed application and reference letters to:

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Rogers State University  
1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd.  
Claremore, OK 74017

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To be considered for the Honors Program at Rogers State University, applicants must submit the following:

- Completed RSU Admission form
- Completed RSU Honors Program application
- Official high school transcript
- ACT scores
- Three reference letters mailed to RSU Honors Program. Reference letters should be delivered to the address listed above.

## APPLICATION

### General Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### High School Honors and Recognition

Describe the clubs and organizations to which you have belonged during your high school enrollment. Discuss any honors, awards or recognitions you may have received as a result of that involvement.

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Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

Probable college major: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ACT scores

English \_\_\_\_\_  
Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_  
Reading \_\_\_\_\_  
Scientific \_\_\_\_\_  
Composite score \_\_\_\_\_

or

#### SAT scores

Verbal \_\_\_\_\_  
Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_  
Composite score \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Service and/or Civic Engagement

Community service or civic engagement is a mandatory component of participation in the RSU Honors Program. Please discuss any past or current community service and civic engagement activities in which you have been involved.

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## REFERENCES

List the name, address, and phone number of three references who will provide the RSU Honors Program with a letter of recommendation regarding your academic potential and work ethic. At least two must be academic references - teachers from high school or college. Please ask your references to send their recommendation letters directly to the RSU Honors Program at the address listed on the previous page.

1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Address	City, State	ZIP	Phone Number
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Address	City, State	ZIP	Phone Number
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Address	City, State	ZIP	Phone Number

## SIGNATURE

Federal law requires the University to obtain written permission before releasing information to the news media regarding scholarship recipients. If you wish to give such permission, please mark the appropriate box:

- Yes  
 No

I certify that all the information contained on this scholarship application is true to the best of my knowledge. I have completed this form voluntarily and understand that the information that I have provided will be treated confidentially and will only be used in connection with the scholarship application process.

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Signature of applicant

Date