

**Texas Southern University**

**Thomas F. Freeman, Honors College**

**Today's Exceptional Students. Tomorrow's Global Leaders**

### **Creating an Environment of Excellence**

In a global community, where each society's future is inextricably linked to the other, Texas Southern University's prestigious Honors College is committed to educating the next generation of great leaders.

The power of education and its universal promise of a better future inspire hope within every community, in every corner of the world. This powerful and transformative ideal-education as an equalizer and catalyst for effective change- drives students from all walks of life to work harder and achieve more.

This is why TSU Honors College was created. For the exemplary student, the desire for more is never quenched. For us, the pursuit of excellence is never finished.

Students accepted into the Honors College earn the distinction of being named Scholar, a title they will wear throughout their tenure at the University.

### **Making the connection**

With a culturally diverse student body representing more than 50 nations and expert faculty dedicated to student success, no commitment undertaken by any higher learning institution is as vital to the evolution of man as the challenge to help develop the world's brightest minds. Through a highly selective and demanding academic program, the comprehensive curricula of the Honors College is designed to cultivate undergraduate intellect by engaging students in a rigorous study of oral and written discourse, intercultural communication, international relations and natural, behavioral and social sciences.

The TSU Honors College makes no apologies for excellence. The University's motto-Excellence in Achievement-is the blueprint for PARADE©, the innovative model of total student development used by the Honors College, where intense focus is on meeting six, highly-defined areas of student need: Preparation, Accountability, Responsibility, Advocacy, Delivery and Engagement. This formula is our gauge for how the Honors College serves students through mutually identified education improvement goals, personalized academic counseling, strategic career mapping, and careful charting of student achievement to ensure post-graduate success.

Our students contribute greatly to the overall success of the University's premier schools and colleges:

- Thurgood Marshall School of Law
- College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Jesse H. Jones School of Business
- Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs

- School of Communication
- College of Education
- College of Science and Technology
- College of Liberal Arts/Behavioral Sciences

And to this list is now added; The Thomas F. Freeman, Honors College

Some of the great social advocates, attorneys, ministers, healthcare professionals, educators, scientists, writers, filmmakers and business leaders have been part of TSU's Honors College. It's a distinction we celebrate, but we can never rest on; the future is always present.

Together, with the Students of the Honors College, we stand on the frontline ready to develop the next generation of effective and responsible leaders with the power to change communities, change minds and, ultimately, change lives.

### **Eligibility and Admission Requirements**

The selection process for acceptance into the Honors College is very competitive and students' applications undergo a thorough and critical review. The sooner the application is submitted, the greater the chances for the applicant to be admitted to the College. First-time freshman applicants must meet or exceed the following standards:

- A completed Honors College application
- One-page typed biography/academic resume
- 3(total) letters of recommendation preferably from English, Math and Science instructors
- Original one page essay on "**How you feel the Honors Studies will Increase the Value of Your Undergraduate Education**"
- Scholastic Aptitude Test(SAT) and/or American College Test(ACT) scores
- A or B+ average
- 4 units of English
- 2 units of Natural Science
- 2 units of Social Science
- 3 units of Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and/or comparable sequence)
- Leadership position held
- Special honors received

Because the Honors College is committed to developing the next generation of leaders, strong consideration will also be given to students with demonstrated leadership ability, diverse community and extracurricular activities.

Students desiring to enter the Honors College should first make application for admission to the University. This can be done online at [www.em.tsu.edu](http://www.em.tsu.edu)

In an effort to preserve the integrity of the admissions process, **email submission will not be accepted**. The required admission information should be **submitted through the mail** or in person in a singular packet to the following address:

**Texas Southern University**

**Honors College**

**Rod Paige Building, Rm. 113**

**3100 Cleburne Ave.**

**Houston, TX 77004**

### **Student Award Categories**

When sufficient funding is available, Texas Southern University rewards its Honors College Students with generous educational underwriting.

- **Presidential Honors College Scholar/Valedictorian** – full scholarship covering tuition, fees, books and on-campus room and board to be divided 50% for each semester.
- **The Provost Honors College Scholar/Salutatorian** (2<sup>nd</sup> ranking) – full scholarship covering tuition, fees, books and on-campus room and board to be divided 50% for each semester.
- **The Dean Honors College Scholar** (3<sup>rd</sup> ranking) full scholarship covering tuition, fees, books and on-campus room and board to be divided 50% for each semester.
- **Level 1** – covers 90% of the total. The award is based on a high school grade point average of 3.75 or higher with a ranking in the Top 5% of the class, SAT score of 1600 or higher, or ACT score of 25 or higher. The award is to be divided 50% for each semester.
- **Level 2** – covers 80% of the total. The award is based on a high school grade point average of 3.50, with a ranking in the top 10% of the class, SAT score of 1450 or higher, or ACT score of 23 or higher. The award is to be divided 50% for each semester.
- **Level 3** – covers 75% of the total. The award is based on a high school grade point average of 3.40, with a ranking in the top 15% of the class, SAT score of 1350 or higher, or ACT score of 21 or higher. The award is to be divided 50% for each semester.
- **Level 4** – covers 50% of the total cost. The award is based on a high school grade point average of 3.00 or higher, with a ranking in the top 20% of the class, SAT score of 1250 or higher, ACTS score of 19 or higher. The award is to be divided 50% for each semester.

### **Scholars Requirements**

Once accepted into the Honors College, the responsibility to continue a tradition of academic and professional excellence becomes paramount to the overall success of the student and the University. The student is expected to enroll in the Honors curriculum in each semester of their enrollment and to register for daily tutorial services when needed.

Though rigorous, the standards that must be upheld to remain a scholar in the program build stronger character, instill stricter discipline and inspire more community outreach from our students.

To remain a scholar in **good academic standing**, the following academic and community requirements must be met:

- At least a 3.25 grade point average per semester
- At least a 3.25 cumulative grade point average each academic year
- Completion of 15 credit hours per semester/30 hours each academic year to meet appropriate classification status at the end of each academic year
- Attendance at the daily study sessions
- Regular participation in community based activities
- Participation in all collegiate and extra-curricular activities sponsored or endorsed by the Honors College, and the University
- Successful participation in internships and summer research programs
- Participation in international studies, research and or internship

The Honors College is proud of its membership with numerous national honor societies and professional organizations. By using our longstanding connections with local and national business and community leaders, the Honors College has established affiliations which provide vital partnerships and professional advice to our students to help ensure post-graduate success.

### **University Housing**

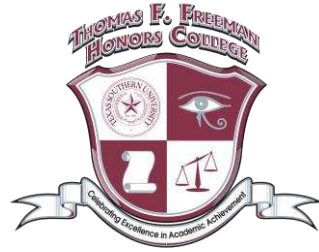
The University strongly believes in safe and comfortable housing for all of its students. With newer residential complexes and an ongoing revival of renovations throughout the historic Third Ward community, Honors College students enjoy an eclectic mix of housing choices with other exceptionally talented and gifted students. Within this cohort environment, students relish the intimacy of creating a community with peers, while also sharing varying cultural and social experiences. University housing is only a short distance from classroom buildings and includes accommodations for students with disabilities.

### **Preparing Students for the Future**

With a comprehensive education model, appropriate funding and revenues to enrich the lives of the world's best and brightest minds, TSU's Honors College is committed to nurturing fresh, young talent through a challenging curriculum of academics, aesthetics and community service.

To us, students are more than social security numbers and have more value than their assigned personal identifiers. They are people interacting with other people beginning with a personal interview with the Dean and Directors prior to the acceptance into the college as well as following their selection. They have worth and the future of the world is in their hands. Because we recognize that significance and have built our program around servicing their needs, TSU Honors College is the first choice and best place for *Today's Exceptional Students* who will become *Tomorrow's Global Leaders*.

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Office of the Dean  
Thomas F. Freeman, *Founding Dean*

## Freshman Application

A freshman is a student who has never attended any institution of higher education following high school graduation

Texas Southern University

Name

First

Middle

Last

Address

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Date of Graduation

Social Security

Email Address

Age

Home Phone

High School Name

High School Phone Number

High School Address

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Student Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ scale

ACT Scores: English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Semester: Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of Texas \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you intend to reside on campus? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Proposed Major \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Education Objective: \_\_\_\_\_

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