



HONORS PROGRAM

THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

2005-2006 edScholar Program Application

Legal Name: _____

Preferred First Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street City/State Zip Code

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

A.P. Courses Taken in High School _____

Eligibility: The University of Memphis awards the edScholar Program scholarship, which covers on-campus housing for four-years, to nine incoming freshmen in the University Honors Program who demonstrate evidence of community service and/or leadership. Awards are based on a variety of criteria including leadership, academic merit, community service, and financial need. Designated edscholars must be Tennessee residents.

Renewable Criteria: Selected edscholars must (1) enroll as a full-time student, (2) successfully complete one honors class each semester, (3) maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, and (4) meet all requirements of the program, as described on page 4 of this application.

Application Requirements: To be considered for an edScholar scholarship, you must submit the following application materials to the **University Honors Program Office by March 1, 2005:**

- Application for the edScholar program scholarship, including 250 word essay (choice of topics listed in this application)
- A copy of your high school transcript;
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one (1) from someone who can attest to your academic ability (e.g., a principal, teacher, counselor) and one (1) from an individual representing a community agency, organization, or employer with whom you have been associated;

You must also send the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Student Financial Aid Office at The University of Memphis.

I certify that none of the information provided in this application is false. I agree to the terms of the edScholar Program as outlined in this application document. I also understand that in order for this application to be considered I must submit a complete application for admission to The University of Memphis and to the University Honors Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail application materials to:

**University Honors Program
The University of Memphis
Campus Box 526140
Memphis, TN 38152-6140**

SCHOOLS YOU HAVE ATTENDED:

Please list all of the high schools you have attended.

School Name	Location	Years Attended

ACADEMIC AND CAREER GOALS:

Your answers to the following questions do not imply any commitment on your part. Please list in order of preference the majors you are currently considering.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

ESSAY:

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay on one of the topics below and attach the completed essay, including your name and Social Security number, to this application. Please limit your response to 250 words.

1. Describe a community activity or project in which you have had a leadership role. How did you specifically contribute to its success? What was achieved?
2. Describe at least two life experiences from which you have learned the most. Include what was learned and how it has impacted your personal development.
3. The EdScholar motto reads, "Making a difference, one student at a time." Conversely, how do you anticipate "making a difference" to the EdScholar program? How do you plan on contributing to the EdScholar community and to the University Honors Program? What are your goals for your first year?

OVERVIEW OF THE EDSCHOLAR PROGRAM

The EdScholar scholarship provides on-campus housing (renewable up to 4 years) to Honors students who have a demonstrated interest in campus leadership and/or community service. The goal of the EdScholar Program is to provide select honors students with the knowledge and resources to expand their personal and professional leadership skills.

Benefits to the edScholars

As an EdScholar scholarship recipient at the University of Memphis, you will receive many benefits, such as:

- A weekend retreat in the Fall semester, which will include Honors Student Council members, that focuses on team development;
- Group participation in the “Service on Saturday” experience to provide an opportunity to perform community service;
- Special and close advising from the University Honors office;
- The opportunity to interact with visiting dignitaries scheduled for the academic year;
- Development of a living-learning community within the Honors program through living on the Honors floor and attending classes together;
- The opportunity to earn a degree with “University Honors.”

Responsibilities of edScholars

EdScholar scholarship recipients will perform the following:

- Satisfactorily complete at least one honors course per semester (with a grade of 3.0 or above);
- Enroll in the UNHP 1101 and 1102 The Global Challenge course sequence during the first year.
- Live on the Honors Floor of Richardson Towers for the first year;
- Participate in key edScholar events (one per semester) throughout the four years;
- Enroll in the required section of the sophomore honors course, fall semester only;
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA to continue eligibility for the edScholar scholarship program.
- Meet University Honors Program requirements as set out in our handbook;