The Wood Honors College at Shippensburg University
Application for First-Semester Freshmen

The application may also be completed online at http://www.ship.edu/honors/Prospective/Application/.

The Wood Honors College at Shippensburg University engages talented and motivated students inside and outside the classroom. The Honors College involves undergraduate students from every major and class level. Through innovative Honors classes and enriching co-curricular experiences—including research, study abroad, leadership, and service opportunities—the Honors College prepares students to achieve their academic and professional goals.

Please submit your application by January 5 for Spring admission. Freshmen must earn a minimum 3.25 QPA in their first-semester courses at Shippensburg University to be considered for admission to the Honors College. Admissions decisions are made in early January. Admitted students will consult with the Honors director before the spring semester begins to revise their schedules to include Honors classes. If you have any questions, please contact the Honors College at honors@ship.edu or 717-477-1604 or visit our website at www.ship.edu/honors.

Part One: Student Information

Full Name: _____________________________________________________________________________

Student ID Number: _____________________________________________________________________

Current Address: _________________________________________________________________________

Home address (if different from above): _________________________________________________________________________

Phone: (__  __  __) __  __  __  --  __  __  __

Email Address: _________________________________________________________________________

Note: All correspondence regarding your application will be sent to this email address.

College GPA: _________ College Credits Earned: ___________

Note: Your undergraduate transcript will be evaluated as part of the application review process.

High School: _____________________________________________________________________________

Rank/Class Size: _____/_____ Weighted GPA: _______ Unweighted GPA: _______

SAT Scores: Reading and Writing: ______ Math: ______ Total: ______ Essay: ______ AND/OR

ACT Scores: English: ______ Reading: ______ Writing: ______ Math: ______ Science: ______

Composite: ______

Major(s) at Shippensburg University: _____________________________________________________________________________

Are you interested in the Honors Living-Learning Community (LLC) in Harley Hall? Yes/No
Please list the most significant school and community activities that you have participated in, including leadership positions.

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How did you learn about The Wood Honors College?

___ Mailing from Honors College   ___ Honors College Website   ___ Guidance Counselor

___ Shippensburg University Open House   ___ Other: ________________________________

**Part Two: Two Essay Questions:** Answer both of the following questions in well-organized essays.

1. Select one of the following quotes, and write an essay that discusses the quote in relation to an important issue in the world today. In your essay, you may incorporate your personal experience and thoughts about how the quote relates to your educational or professional future. (Up to 500 words)

   1. “When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.” Malala Yousafzai, Youngest Nobel Prize Laureate and Pakistani activist
   2. “History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.” Maya Angelou, Poet
   3. “Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I would not hesitate to prefer the latter.” Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the United States
   4. “During our brief stay on planet Earth, we owe ourselves and our descendants the opportunity to explore—in part because it’s fun to do. But there’s a far nobler reason. The day our knowledge of the cosmos ceases to expand, we risk regressing to the childish view that the universe figuratively and literally revolves around us.” Neil deGrasse Tyson, Astrophysicist

2. After carefully reviewing the Honors website at www.ship.edu/honors, discuss what specifically interests you about The Wood Honors College. In what ways would membership in the Honors College help you achieve your personal, academic, and/or professional goals? (Up to 250 words)

**Part Three: Letter of Recommendation:** Request one letter of recommendation from a Shippensburg University professor who can comment on your character and academic abilities. The professor should email the letter to the Honors College at honors@ship.edu.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________

Please submit your application by January 5 for Spring admission to:

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