

# HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION

## MARQUETTE HONORS PROGRAM

Marquette Honors Program students are creative, ambitious, energetic and, most important, have a virtually unquenchable passion for learning.

As a result, Honors Program classes are challenging, exciting, enlightening and rewarding. Our faculty are demanding because they are deeply committed to students' intellectual and personal growth.

The Honors Program is open to academically qualified students in any of Marquette's seven colleges — Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Communication, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences or Nursing.

We receive many outstanding applications but can accept only 100 new students per year.

### Requirements:

There are no minimum requirements for consideration, but the strongest applicants will have pursued a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum and demonstrated intellectual curiosity. Historically, students admitted into the Honors Program have ranked in the top five to 10 percent of their graduating classes; performed well on standardized tests, such as the ACT and SAT; and shown determination, excellent academic performance and strong writing abilities.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Marquette Honors Program application must be postmarked by **Feb. 15, 2012**.

### Required steps:

1. Complete your Honors Program application information form and the attached application activities list.  
**Do not submit additional information or résumés. They will not be reviewed by the committee.**
2. Complete the required Honors Program essay as detailed below.

### HONORS ADMISSION ESSAY QUESTION:

One aspect of the Jesuit ideal of critical engagement with society is understanding how technological shifts have produced shifts in the sociocultural characteristics of society itself (e.g., wealth distribution, family structure, religious demography, gender expectations, racial attitudes, etc.). Choose two technological shifts — one that has happened and one that you imagine might happen in the future. Describe the sociocultural consequences ensuing from the past shift and the imagined future shift. Keep in mind that technological innovations (i.e., new techniques that bring about an intended end that wasn't previously possible/feasible) may include communication, civic and organizational technologies, as well as medical, mechanical, electrical and computational technologies.

A final word of advice — less obvious and less mainstream examples make stronger essays.

3. Request two academic letters of recommendation. These letters should address your academic preparation, potential and background.
4. Activities: The Honors Program draws talented applicants who have been deeply and broadly involved in activities beyond the classroom. Please reflect upon your high school career and identify up to 12 extracurricular and/or service activities that represent you. On the enclosed page, describe the activity, years involved and positions held. The review committee will look at only the activities you highlight on that page. Additional information will not be forwarded to the committee.
5. Assemble your application, collect your letters of recommendation and submit all materials together.  
**Your application packet must include all required components to be considered complete. Please do not submit materials separately.**
6. Packets must be postmarked no later than **Feb. 15, 2012**. Late applications will not be reviewed.
7. Keep a copy of the application for your records.

