**Request for Extension of Honors College Admissions Requirements in Response to COVID-19**

Due to issues associated with COVID-19, the Honors College adopted temporary admissions requirements were used for students applying for Fall 2021 admission to the university. The honors directors from each college would like to extend these admission requirements for an additional application cycle and the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Dr. Terry Martin, supports the move.

We therefore recommend that the following Honors College admissions requirements be used for students applying for Fall 2022 admission to the university:

**Step #1 – Apply to the University of Arkansas**

Student must [**apply for admission to the University of Arkansas**](http://apply.uark.edu/) and receive official notification of acceptance to theuniversity before applying to the Honors College.

**Step #2 – Apply to the Honors College**

Due to the issues that have come with COVID-19, the Honors College has three options for Honors College admission for high school students who have been admitted to the university for Fall 2022.

**<<Note: the options will be in accordion style on our website>>**

***Option #1 for Automatic Admission***

Students must have at least a 28 ACT composite score (1310 SAT equivalent) AND the minimum high school GPA for their academic college.

* 3.50 GPA – Students entering the College of Education & Health Professions, the Fay Jones School of Architecture + Design, or the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences
* 3.75 GPA – Students entering the College of Engineering, the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, or the Sam M. Walton College of Business

Students who meet the Option #1 requirements will be invited to apply through their New Student Center after they have been admitted to the University of Arkansas. **Students who complete the Option #1 application on their New Student Center will be automatically admitted to the Honors College.**

***Option #2 for Automatic Admission***

Students must have at least a 26 ACT composite score (1240 SAT equivalent) AND a minimum high school GPA of 3.90. The GPA requirement for Option #2 is the same for each academic college.

Students who meet the Option #2 requirements will be invited to apply through their New Student Center after they have been admitted to the University of Arkansas. **Students who complete the Option #2 application on their New Student Center will be automatically admitted to the Honors College.**

***Option #3 for Application Review***

Students who have at least a 3.90 high school GPA but **do not** have the necessary ACT/SAT score for automatic admission will be invited to complete an application in the spring of their senior year. Students who fall into this category will be invited to apply in mid-January and the application will be due by February 15. **The Honors College will review the application and inform applicants whether or not they have been admitted to honors by the end of March.**

**Components of Option #3 Application**

1. **Essay** (maximum of 600 words)
2. **Academic Resume**
3. **Review of most recent high school transcript on file with the Undergraduate Admissions office**