We are currently monitoring developments related to the recent novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and recent developments, our office will implement these temporary measures for new freshman applicants who are applying for Fall 2021 admission.

**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 2021.

**<<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**

**Essay** – Write a well-developed essay (600 words maximum) responding to the following prompt: Why do you want to become a student in the University of Arkansas Honors College? What do you feel you would be able to contribute to the honors community?

**Academic Resume** – Please list up to eight (8) activities and up to five (5) awards/honors. You will have up to 100 words to describe each activity or award/honors.