

The Yavapai College Honors Program Application Guidelines

Purpose

The College Honors Program (CHP) exists to provide educational enrichment opportunities and scholarship incentives for superior students attending Yavapai College. Students admitted to the CHP are expected to enroll full-time (at least 13 credits) in Yavapai College classes, to participate in CHP activities, and to be working toward the completion of an Associate Degree from Yavapai College.

Educational Enrichment Opportunities

CHP students will participate in activities to broaden their intellectual horizons, explore issues of public concern, provide service to the community and College, formulate academic and career plans, and develop communication skills through interaction with other CHP students.

They gain exposure to interesting people and experiences, often through travel at College expense. They receive special recognition at graduation. For students whose education continues after graduation from Yavapai, honors status frequently improves chances for scholarships, admission to university honors programs, and admission to universities they might not otherwise have been able to attend.

Scholarships

CHP students receive a cash stipend each semester of participation in addition to tuition remission for 13 – 15 credits at Yavapai College. CHP students may also be eligible for other financial aid. CHP scholarship renewal and continuation in the Program can be renewed provided the student continues to meet program standards.

College Honors Program Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility Guidelines

1—Applicants must be at least 17 years of age by the start of the Fall semester,

2—Applicants must have at least two full semesters of work remaining before completion of an Associate degree (applicants may be asked to provide an advisor-signed academic plan)

3—Applicants must include one of the following with their application:

- a. High School Transcripts demonstrating a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale (or a score of 650 or greater on a High School Equivalence Diploma), or
- b. Yavapai College Transcripts demonstrating 14 or more completed or certificate seeking classes of a GPA of 3.5 or higher, or

- c. An SAT score of 1500 or higher, or
- d. An ACT score of 24 or higher.

If accepted, students would have one year of eligibility in the program with the possibility to petition for additional semesters.

Once Admitted to CHP Students Must:

1. Enroll and complete a minimum of 13 credit hours (from courses numbered 100 or higher),
2. Progress towards earning a Yavapai College Associates Degree
3. Participate in special honors activities including a Fall weekend retreat and a Spring Break trip, and
4. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5

Due date for completion of all requirements listed below is March 1st!

Submit all application materials by *March 1st* to:
Electronically: Prescott.Financial.Aid@yc.edu

Or to:

Financial Aid Office, ATTN: College Honors Program
Yavapai College
1100 E. Sheldon St.
Prescott, Arizona 86301

Contact the Honors Program Coordinator:

Joan Fisher
joan.fisher@yc.edu
(928) 717-7757
Yavapai College
1100 E. Sheldon St.
Prescott, Arizona 86301

Additional information and copies of this document are available from the College Honors Program website: <http://www.yc.edu/chp>

Letter of Interest :

A letter of interest must be submitted as part of the Honors Program Application process. Please address the letter to the College Honors Program Advisory Board.

1. The letter should provide information explaining: personal, academic and professional goals.

2. The letter should review:
 - a. honors earned
 - b. achievements accomplished
 - c. leadership roles held
3. The letter should also answer the following:
why would you like to be selected for the College Honors Program, how do you expect to benefit from the program, and how do you intend to contribute to the program?
4. The letter should include a statement that you have a minimum of 2 semesters of full-time course work remaining for completing an Associate Degree. (*Admission into the CHP is for a full year.*)

Yavapai College Honors Program: Critical Essay Topic 2011

The essay submitted for admission to the Program must be the student's original work, prepared without assistance in planning, writing, editing, or typing. It must be composed specifically for the purpose of supporting the Honors Program application.

Essays previously submitted for any other purpose may not be reused for the Honors Program applications. Students may want to consult outside sources: if so they must identify them according to standards accepted in formal writing. Students need not identify sources for items that are common knowledge.

The essay should follow the usual principles for effective writing. It must be typed, double-spaced, using standard margins and standard fonts (10 or 12 pt., Times New Roman and be 500 to 1000 words in length.)

Please contemplate the following statement and then write your essay:

1--Discuss the most important piece of advice you have ever received and explain its effect on your life. Make sure to provide examples of the effect of the advice on your life.

How would your life be different if you had not heeded the advice? Be sure to cite any of your scholarly sources using a standardized citation format and provide a bibliography of your research.

Make sure to include the following statement at the end of your essay.

I affirm that the attached essay is my original work. I have received no assistance in preparing it. If I have included information outside my own experience or outside the experience of literate adults, I have indicated my sources.

Signature: [Typed name replaces signature]