HONORS ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

As mentioned on the Honors website, Honors scholarships will be added to Financial Aid’s online scholarship portal beginning March 21st, until April 8th. Though the online application can be finished in a relatively short amount of time, the Honors essay prompt, personal statement, and required documentation may require more preparation time. For your convenience, please review the information below.

DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE

Before the online application opens, prepare your answers to these essays/prompts in a separate document. When the online application is available, please copy and paste the answers and/or upload documents in the appropriate spaces.

ESSAYS

Personal statement (this question appears on the general application)
Write a personal statement that describes your background, personal interests, and your educational and career goals (500 words maximum).

Honors Essay Prompt (this question appears in the Honors scholarships section)
In his Ted Talk, *Are you a Giver or a Taker*, organizational psychologist Adam Grant discusses three personality types in the workplace and offers simple strategies to promote a culture of generosity at work. What thoughts/considerations do you have about the content of this Ted Talk? Feel free to respond to this question with either an essay, a 1-3 minute video, or an infographic.

Guidelines for the three options:
1. Essay – double-spaced, 12 pt. standard font (e.g. Times New Roman), 500 word maximum
2. Infographic - minimum recommended size is 800 x 1800 pixels, 300 DPI for potential print in png format or jpg
3. Video – 3 minutes max, uploaded to youtube, vimeo, google drive, box, or any accessible domain of your choice. Include a link and please ensure that it is viewable to anyone who receives the link.

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Certain scholarships require additional information in order to verify your eligibility:

If you will be writing a senior thesis in the 2020 - 2021 academic year, prepare:
• A statement of endorsement (that includes the general thesis topic) on official letterhead from the professor who will oversee the Senior Thesis or from the Departmental Advisor

If you are interested in a career in the ministry or any religious work, prepare:
• A statement on official letterhead verifying commitment to a religious career (letter may be from a member of the clergy, rabbinate, or other similar group)
ONLINE APPLICATION STEPS

Begining March 21st, the online application will open. Please review the steps below:

1. Click on the Online Scholarship Portal on the Scholarships section of Honors web site.
2. Fill out a general online profile.
3. Under recommended opportunities, click on ‘apply’ for College Honors Scholarships.
4. Answer the Honors essay prompt and upload any pertaining documentation.
5. Answer the rest of the eligibility questions and provide any documentation that applies to you. The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, April 8th, 11:59 pm**.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS & ELIGIBILITY

Please note that the online application will not list the individual scholarships, but will be combined into one category – College Honors Scholarships. The system automatically screens which opportunities students are eligible for, based on the eligibility questions that you answer. For your reference, the scholarships are listed below:

**For College Honors Students Graduating Spring 2020 through Summer 2020:**

**Barbara Ladd Gates Award for Intellectual Accomplishment**
- Award: $1,200 (one award available)
- Eligibility: Applicant must graduate with College Honors from UCLA in Spring 2020, or Summer 2020

**Joel Rothblatt Award**
- Award: $500 (one award available)
- Eligibility: Applicant must have junior or senior standing and be a first generation college student; preference given to students with financial need

**For College Honors Students continuing during the 2020 – 2021 academic year:**

**Rosalind W. Alcott Scholarship**
- Award: $2,000 (two awards available)
- Eligibility: Applicant must have junior standing; be a “pre” major or major in Political Science, Economics, Business Economics, Economics/International Area Studies, or have a Business/Administration specialization with major studies

**Bradford E. Burns Endowed Scholarship in History**
- Award: $3,000 (one award available)
- Eligibility: Applicant must major in History
For College Honors Students continuing during the 2020 – 2021 academic year (continued):

Doris H. and Milton J. Chasin Endowed Scholarship
- Award: $4,000 (five awards available)
- Eligibility: Applicant must be an American citizen, a California resident, and have at least sophomore standing. Please note that students involved in any of the military sciences or related activities (i.e. ROTC, NROTC, AFROTC, etc.) are excluded from eligibility; preference for students with financial need

Reverend James A. Davidson & Elizabeth Beck Memorial Scholarship
- Award: $1,200 (one award available)
- Eligibility: Applicant must have sophomore standing; preference for applicants who are interested in a career in the ministry or any form of religious work
- Required documentation: One statement verifying commitment to a religious career (letter may be from a member of the clergy, rabbinate, or other similar group if you wish)

Gabrielle de Vellis Memorial Scholarship
- Award: $2,000 (two awards available)
- Eligibility: Applicant must have participated in varsity level sports (or the equivalent) in high school and have financial need

Rose Gilbert Honors Programs Scholarship
- Award: $2,000-$5,000 (five to seven awards available)
- Eligibility: Open to all College Honors students

Rose Gilbert in Memory of Maggie Gilbert Scholarship
- Award: $2,000 - $5,000 (five to seven awards available)
- Eligibility: Open to all College Honors students

Morgan H. Harris, Jr. Endowed Scholarship
- Award: $3000 (three awards available)
- Eligibility: Applicant must major in the Arts, Humanities or Social Science, have financial need, have demonstrated leadership in extracurricular activities and/or part-time job; preference for students who received secondary education in the Los Angeles Unified School District

Helen Lane Merit Scholarship
- Award: $2,000-4,000 (two awards available)
- Eligibility: Applicant must be majoring in a foreign language (including such ancient languages as Greek, Latin, and Hebrew) and have a 3.5 GPA in the major; Freshmen must have 2 years of foreign language study in high school
For College Honors Students continuing during the 2020 – 2021 academic year (continued):

Richard Carleton Meeker, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
• Award: $2,000 (four awards available)
• Eligibility: Open to all College Honors students; preference for students who have financial need

Irma and Jerome S. Miller Memorial Scholarship
• Award: $1,000 (one award available)
• Eligibility: Applicant must be a California resident

Joan Palevsky Honors Scholarship
• Award: $2,500 (two awards available)
• Eligibility: Open to all College Honors students

Bette and Don Prell Merit Scholarship
• Award: $2,500 (two awards available)
• Eligibility: Open to all College Honors students; preference for Philosophy majors

Andrea L. Rich Honors Scholarship in the Humanities
• Award: $2,000 (one award available)
• Eligibility: Applicant must have junior or senior standing, major in the Humanities or History, and have financial need

Ira J. and Shirley Spoon Honors Collegium Scholarship
• Award: $3,000 (one award available)
• Eligibility: Open to all College Honors students

Frederick R. Waingrow Peterson Publishing Company Scholarship
• Award: $4,000 (four awards available)
• Eligibility: Applicant must have financial need and have interest in publishing, communications, or media

Stuart C. Waugh and Scott L. Waugh Scholarship
• Award: $2,000-$5,000 (three to five awards available)
• Eligibility: Open to all College Honors students
For College Honors Students continuing during the 2020 – 2021 academic year (continued):

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS
Please note that the research scholarships require the following:
1. A short statement of endorsement from the departmental advisor or the professor who will oversee the senior thesis, and a general thesis topic.
2. Recipients of the awards (Rose Gilbert Honors Research, Waingrow, Weber), will also be required to apply for the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program. The application deadline for that program is June 20. Please check their website for more details.

Rose Gilbert Undergraduate Research Scholarship
• Award: $5,000 (one award available)
• Eligibility: Applicant must be writing a senior thesis in the 2020 - 2021 academic year preference given to English majors

Magda & Frederick R. Waingrow Endowed Research Scholarship
• Award: $5,000 (one award available)
• Eligibility: Applicant must be embarking upon a senior thesis in the 2020 - 2021 academic year; preference for students with financial need

Eugen and Jacqueline Weber Undergraduate Research Scholarship
• Award: $5,000 (one award available)
• Eligibility: Applicant must be embarking upon a senior thesis in the 2020 - 2021 academic year, major in European Studies, Central and East European Languages and Cultures, or History; preference for French Studies

IMPORTANT DATES

College Honors Scholarship Reception (MANDATORY for award winners)
Thursday, May 28, 2020, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Online application opens
Saturday, March 21, 2020, 12:00 am

Deadline to submit application online
Wednesday, April 8th, 2020, 11:59 pm

Expected results posted (tenative)
Friday, May 22nd
QUALIFICATIONS
1. I am an international student. Will I still qualify for scholarships?
   Yes. There is only one scholarship that requires the student to be a U.S. citizen.

2. I am doing research through a 199 or outside of UCLA. Does that mean I can qualify for the research scholarships (Rose Gilbert, Weber, Waingrow)?
   The research scholarships are specifically intended for students who have applied to, and have been accepted to a Dept. Honors program, which is a year-long senior thesis.

3. I intend on doing a dept. thesis though I am not ‘officially’ in the program yet. Shall I check the box? How shall I go about getting the dept. confirmation? If you are not yet enrolled in the program due to differing deadlines, you may answer the question and upload a document that states your intention to enroll, but that confirmation from the dept comes later. Please email the scholarships coordinator at jsandel@college.ucla.edu for any other concerns related to this matter.

SUBMISSION
4. When is the due date? How do I turn in my application?
   The due date is Wednesday, April 8th, 11:59 pm. Please make sure you have answered the Honors prompt, as well as submitted all documentation required, depending on your eligibility for specific scholarships.

5. When will I know the status of my application?
   You will be notified around Friday, May 22nd.

JUDGING CRITERIA
6. What is the judging criteria for the essay?
   An essay will be evaluated on its content, clarity, demonstration of critical thinking, creativity, and style. An excellent essay will provide insightful information and mature style, present a clear analysis of, or response to the essay question, elaborate that response with well-chosen examples and persuasive reasoning, and present ideas in a creative manner, or provide creative ideas to support its persuasive reasoning.

7. What is the judging criteria for the infographic?
   An infographic will be evaluated on its content, clarity, demonstration of critical thinking, creativity, and style. An excellent infographic will provide clear and well organized information with visually appealing graphics and/or illustrations. It will tell a compelling story and convey information that is easy to digest and presented in an interesting way.
Layout and design are attractive and well thought out (e.g., page content is well balanced; color scheme, pictures, backgrounds, etc. enhance the content). Text should also be easy and enjoyable to read, and should be free from punctuation errors. If applicable, crediting data properly on an infographic is vital, not only to provide proper attribution but also to establish your infographic as a reliable and authoritative source for the information that you are presenting.

8. What is the judging criteria for the video? The video will be evaluated on its content, clarity, demonstration of critical thinking, creativity, and style. An excellent video will provide compelling and clear content with cinematography, pictures, graphics, sound, and/or a combination of all the elements. Footage should be organized and edited in a clear, comprehensible way, and allow for adequate pacing for audiences to digest the information. Sound should also be clear enough and appropriate in terms of loudness, for audiences to comprehend the material. Please note that although good production quality helps, the main focus will be towards the content of the piece.

9. For any further questions, please email the scholarship coordinator at jsandel@college.ucla.edu