



# The Honors Program at Santa Fe College Application for Admission

Completed applications may be emailed to [honors@sfcollege.edu](mailto:honors@sfcollege.edu) (highly suggested) or mailed or delivered to: Bobby Hom, Coordinator, The Honors Program at Santa Fe College, 3000 NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, A-217, Gainesville, FL 32606

**Check All that Apply:** I am interested in the \_\_\_ Honors Diploma \_\_\_ Honors STEM Certificate \_\_\_ Unsure

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SF ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SF Email:** \_\_\_\_\_@go.sfcollege.edu **Other email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Phone: (Cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major(s):** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ **Minor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected SF College Graduation:** Fall \_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you intend to transfer to a 4-yr University / College?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, to which school(s)? UF \_\_\_ USF \_\_\_ UNF \_\_\_ FAMU \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## College Academic Record: (REQUIRED for current College, Transfer, and Dual Enrolled high school students)

**Colleges Attended:** (Please list all colleges attended. Please note if Dual Enrolled) SF \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **College Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AA Degree GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College Transcripts (including Dual Enrollment):** If not an SF student or already sent to the SF College Office of Admissions, please provide an unofficial college transcript.

## High School Academic Record: (REQUIRED for High School Seniors and Incoming First Year Students. Current College and Transfer Students are asked to provide this information for statistical purposes only.)

**High School:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**High School GPA:** Weighted \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please include copies of high school transcripts)

**Standardized Test Scores:** (If not taken, please enter N/A)

**SAT:** Sections: Math \_\_\_\_\_/800 Evidence-based Reading+Writing \_\_\_\_\_/800

**ACT:** English \_\_\_ Math \_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_ Science \_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_ **PERT:** Reading \_\_\_ Math \_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_

**High School Transcripts:** If not already sent to the SF College Office of Admissions, please provide an unofficial high school transcript.

**AP, IB, Cambridge Program Classes/Test Scores.** List all AP, IB, Cambridge classes and final grades. For AP, IB, and Cambridge, list test scores. If in progress, please note as such.

Class	Final Grade	Test Score	Class	Final Grade	Test Score
You may submit extra pages as necessary.					

**Resume:** Please provide a resume highlighting your academic accomplishments and your extracurricular activities. Your resume may include information about your education and educational accomplishments and awards, employment, school clubs and organizations, community involvement, volunteer activities, etc. Please submit as separate .doc, .docx, or .pdf file.

**Essay Questions:** The essay questions allow us to assess your writing skills in addition to other character traits, attitudes, and motivations important to the Honors Program. Please submit as separate .doc, .docx, or .pdf file.

**High School Seniors and Incoming First Year Students MUST respond to TWO of the following essay prompts, max. 2500 characters, including spaces, for each essay.**

- **This is Water Essay:** David Foster Wallace’s 2005 commencement address to the graduates of Kenyon College is widely thought of as one of the best graduation speeches ever delivered (you can read a transcript of the speech at: <http://bulletin-archive.kenyon.edu/x4280.html>). Wallace begins with a parable: “There are these two young fish swimming along, and they happen to meet an older fish swimming the other way, who nods at them and says, ‘Morning, boys. How’s the water?’ And the two young fish swim on for a bit, and then eventually one of them looks over at the other and goes, ‘What the hell is water?’” How would you answer the young fish’s question—what is water? And what does the parable and your answer to this question have to do with the value of participation in honors academics (like AP, IB, AICE, or a College-level Honors Program)?
- **STEM Problem-Solver Essay:** Describe a STEM problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, a mechanical or technical problem, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could take to identify a solution.
- **UF Application Essay:** Nearly every student who applies to the Honors Program from high school intends to transfer to the University of Florida after earning the Associate of Arts degree, so it makes sense to see how you would respond to the UF application essay. Please choose one of the UF 2018-19 essay topics, which can be found at: <http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/apply/freshman/>

**Current College Students MUST respond to TWO of the following essay prompts, max. 1000 characters, including spaces, for each essay:**

- **Educational and Career Statement:** What are the core skills and knowledge you hope to acquire by completing a Bachelor’s degree in your major, and how do you plan to apply these when you graduate? (Tips: Be clear about your intended major—mention it in your first sentence. Do your research—find out what core skills and knowledge are required of successful students in this major. Dig deep—go to your transfer university’s website to see what classes and opportunities are offered in this major. Think critically about your plans—describe the connection between your intended major and your academic or professional goals; for example, discuss how majoring in X and the experiences it can provide allows you to be successful in graduate or professional school or your career.)
- **Personal Statement:** Please provide any other information about yourself that you feel will help us make an admissions decision. This may include work, research, volunteer activities or other experiences pertaining to the degree program. (Tips: You may want to address your most significant college endeavor, i.e., the college accomplishment of which you’re most proud. You may want to discuss volunteer or work experiences related to your intended major or profession. You may want to describe how you became interested in your major and what inspires you to work towards a degree in it. Or you may want to talk about why you specifically decided to attend SF and how your experiences here relate to your academic and/or professional goals.)
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**Academic Sample:** Please submit a sample of your academic work for our review. The sample should be an essay or, writing assignment from a high school senior- (incoming High School or First Year student) or college-level class (current

College, Transfer, Dual Enrollment). The academic work sample will be used to assess your communications, critical thinking, and information literacy (i.e., research) skills. Please submit as a separate .doc, .docx, or .pdf file.

**Recommendations: Recommendations are optional.** However, you may choose to provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or administrator who is familiar with your academic abilities. The applicant may include the letter of recommendation as part of his/her packet or the recommender may send the letter directly to: [Honors@sfcollege.edu](mailto:Honors@sfcollege.edu). The letter should feel free to comment on the following: the applicant's academic interest and motivation; ability to express himself / herself in speech and writing; maturity and reliability; ability to work independently, cooperatively, and under pressure; preparedness for College academics; and academic and personal strengths and especially weaknesses.

**Demographic Information:** This information is collected for statistical purposes and to better match students to scholarship opportunities. Completing this section is OPTIONAL and will not impact your application.

**Gender:** Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ No Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**Hispanic / Latino:** Defined as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, and other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Hispanic or Latino \_\_\_\_\_ Not Hispanic nor Latino \_\_\_\_\_

**Race / Ethnicity:** Check all that apply

American Indian or Alaskan Native \_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_  
Black or African American \_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_  
White \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a first generation college student?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

A first-generation college student is defined as a student whose parent(s) / legal guardian(s) have not completed a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university. This means that you and your siblings are the first in your family to attend a four-year college/university to attain a bachelor's degree.

**Are you an International Student?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, country of origin \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a veteran?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Equal Access/Equal Opportunity**

Santa Fe College is committed to an environment that embraces diversity, respects the rights of all individuals, is open and accessible, and is free of harassment and discrimination. For more information, visit [sfcollege.edu/eaeo](http://sfcollege.edu/eaeo) or contact [equity.officer@sfcollege.edu](mailto:equity.officer@sfcollege.edu).

**Application Checklist:** *Be sure that you send the following to [honors@sfcollege.edu](mailto:honors@sfcollege.edu) or mailed or delivered to: Bobby Hom, Coordinator, The Honors Program at Santa Fe College, 3000 NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, A-217, Gainesville, FL 32606*

- \_\_\_ Application Form      \_\_\_ Resume      \_\_\_ 2 Application Essays      \_\_\_ Academic Sample
- \_\_\_ Unofficial High School Transcript (High School Seniors / Incoming First-Year Students Only, if transcript not already submitted to Office of Admissions)
- \_\_\_ Unofficial College Transcript (Non-SF Dual Enrollment and Transfer Students Only, if transcript not already submitted to Office of Admissions)
- \_\_\_ Letter of Recommendation (Optional)