Application for the Award for Excellence in Honors Research

Eligibility Requirements:

• Applicant must have been accepted into the Honors Program and be in good standing with the program
• Applicant must either: 1) be currently enrolled in an Honors course (and finish with a ‘B’ grade or higher in that course); or 2) have taken and successfully completed an Honors course in a previous semester (with a ‘B’ grade or higher)
• A student may win only one award per semester; however, all applicants (including winners) are eligible to apply again for awards in future semesters

Application Process:

- The following application materials should be submitted to the Honors Program Coordinator by early December for consideration for the award:

(1) Personal Information/Faculty Approval

NAME:_________________________________________ KishID#:__________________

HONORS COURSES PREVIOUSLY TAKEN/CURRENTLY ENROLLED:

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HONORS COURSE & SECTION FOR WHICH AWARD WILL APPLY:

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FACULTY NAME (printed) & SIGNATURE APPROVING PROPOSED PROJECT:

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*Note: Applicants may enroll in multiple Honors courses in a given semester; however, the applicant will be asked to make his/her case for this award based on their interest in one particular course of his/her choosing.

(2) One letter of recommendation from an Honors instructor (preferably the instructor with whom the student intends to work as a condition of this award).

(3) A typed, double-spaced essay of no more than 700 words that addresses the specifics of the research project being proposed by the student for the course in question. The essay must also address the following questions:
• Why are you pursuing the course in question as an Honors course? How does this relate to your academic and/or professional career?
• How does your project contribute to—and draw upon—the material to be presented in the associated Honors course?
• What specific merits or needs do you think qualify you for this award? (Here the applicant may address the academic or professional qualifications/prospects that make the applicant worthy of this award, or the financial needs that this award will help the applicant to address.)

Evaluation and Stipulations:
- Each application will be evaluated (on a blind review basis) by members of the Kishwaukee College Honors Committee and will be judged on the basis of writing style, clarity of expression, and relevancy to the topic, with a special emphasis placed on both the persuasiveness of the application materials as well as correct grammar and punctuation.
- Should the application be approved and all conditions met (see below), each recipient will receive at least $300 upon completion of the project, based on funds available and the number of applicants.
- To receive the award, the following conditions must be met by the student:
  1. Completion of the course and the assigned Honors project with at grade of a B or better.
  2. Submission of a short reflection paper (500-700 words) explaining the project and how the project furthered the student’s academic and/or professional goals.
  3. Participation in the Award for Excellence in Honors Research presentation ceremony.

Please direct any application materials, or questions, to:

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