Kishwaukee College Honors Program
Application for Admission on a Rolling Basis

Purpose of the Honors Program: The Honors Program provides Kishwaukee’s most exceptional, highly motivated, and forward-thinking students with opportunities for intellectual growth, academic challenge, and greater competitiveness when transferring to another school or applying for a job. The program connects expert faculty with a select group of students who are eager to demonstrate their abilities and their willingness to learn on a new and higher level.

Eligibility: To be eligible for the Honors Program, you must meet either of the following conditions:

- Entrance Track #1: You have completed at least 12 credit hours of 100-level or above coursework at Kishwaukee College or another accredited institution, with a cumulative college GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Entrance Track #2: You are a new high school graduate (or are about to be) with a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 or higher

How to Complete the Program: If you earn a ‘B’ grade or higher in a minimum of 12 credit hours of Honors-designated coursework, and you maintain a cumulative college GPA of 3.5 or higher, you will complete a form that shows you have met the program’s requirements, and you will be recognized with a statement on your transcript signifying to other schools and employers that you have completed the Honors Program at Kishwaukee College. Note: Students accepted into the Honors Program immediately out of high school (on Entrance Track #2) will be allowed to take only one Honors course in their first semester.

How to Apply/Application Materials Checklist: If you meet either of the eligibility requirements and would like to apply for admission to the Honors Program, please submit the following documents in a packet to the Honors Program Coordinator (via the ACSS Division Office) as soon as possible. You may apply for the program if you expect to meet the requirements at the end of the present semester; your application will be held until the relevant requirements are met.

- A completed Application for Admission (i.e., this form)
- An unofficial copy of your college transcript(s) (for Entrance Track #1) or high school transcript (for Entrance Track #2) [Kishwaukee transcripts are available in KishSOS]
- A typed essay (of no more than 500 words) that clearly and specifically addresses three things: 1) your qualifications for the Honors Program; 2) what you expect to gain from Honors courses; and 3) what you expect to contribute to Honors courses as a student
- A letter of recommendation (in a sealed envelope that is signed by the recommender) from an individual who can verify your ability to succeed in a rigorous Honors Program. It is highly recommended—though not required—that the letter be written by one of your college teachers; students entering directly out of high school should use a high school instructor as a reference

Notification of Selected Members: Members selected to the Honors Program will be notified via email within three business days (if admitted on a rolling basis), or within ten days after the preferential consideration deadline emailed to eligible current students each semester.

Questions: Contact the Honors Program Coordinator, Branden McCullough, via email at bmcclough3@kish.edu, by phone at 815-825-9474, or in person at his office (A2215)

Honors Program Webpage: For more information, including a list of currently-available Honors courses and other program opportunities, please visit: http://www.kish.edu/honors