

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
HONORS COLLEGE APPLICATION
FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN**

STEP ONE: Apply to SCSU

Before submitting the honors college application, you must complete your application to Southern Connecticut State University. Application information for the university is found at <https://www.southernct.edu/admissions>

STEP TWO: Complete and submit the Honors College application essay

Applicants to the Honors College must complete the following essay and submit it to the Honors College no later than January 6, 2020. We will reference your SCSU application for transcripts, test scores, letters of recommendation and your résumé. If you would like us to know more about your leadership skills and activities, you may send us an updated curriculum vitae along with your completed essay.

ESSAY: Many politicians, nationally and in Connecticut, are making the case for tuition-free college education, especially at public universities.

Write an essay responding to one of these questions:

- 1. Should college education be free? Why or why not?*
- 2. Is “free tuition” really free? What are the costs and how do they get paid?*

Essays should be approximately 750 words. Be sure to cite any sources that you reference in your essay. (You may use any citation format, as long as you indicate your source.) **Be sure to include your name, complete address, e-mail address and phone number on your essay.** Please save documents in either Word or PDF format and send your completed essay to the Honors College at:

honorscollege@southernct.edu
no later than January 6, 2020.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION.

If you prefer, you may mail the completed documents to:

Honors College
Southern Connecticut State University
501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT 06515

STEP THREE: Honors College “Essay Day”

Applicants will be scored on SAT or ACT scores (minimum 1050 combined verbal and math SAT or 23 ACT score required), high school achievements and activities, and the Honors College prepared essay. Students with the top composite scores will be contacted during the second week of February and invited to participate in *Honors College Admissions Day*, scheduled for Saturday, **February 29, 2020** (inclement weather date, **March 7, 2020**). Those with the highest scores after the *Honors College Admissions Day* evaluations will be offered a place in the program as Presidential Merit Scholars for Fall 2020.