

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
2021 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>. Please note that we are waiving the SAT/ACT requirement for this year. We will refer to your SCSU application for transcripts, letters of recommendation and your résumé. If you would like us to know more about your leadership skills, activities, and academic successes (including GPA, class rank, awards), or if there's anything else that you'd like to highlight or share with us, you may send this information in a separate Word or PDF document to the Honors College at [honorscollege@southernct.edu](mailto:honorscollege@southernct.edu).

**STEP TWO:** *Complete and submit the Honors College application essay.*

The first round of applications has closed. If you want to be considered for the second round of evaluations, please submit the following essay. We will evaluate all second round essays and contact applicants if we have openings in the program.

**ESSAY:** Discuss one current event or other important issue that has influenced “who you want to be” as you explore your academic future or that has inspired you in terms of how you hope to impact the world.

Essays should be approximately 750 words, but can be longer or shorter depending on how long it takes you to fully answer the question. Your response will be evaluated on the clarity, coherence and creativity of your essay, your supporting arguments, and writing skills (mechanics, spelling and grammar). 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 Word or PDF files and send your completed essay to the Honors College at:

[honorscollege@southernct.edu](mailto:honorscollege@southernct.edu)

You will receive a confirmation e-mail documenting that we have received your application. If you do not hear from us 2 weeks after you've submitted your application, be sure to contact the office at [honorscollege@southernct.edu](mailto:honorscollege@southernct.edu) to confirm our receipt of your essay.

**STEP THREE:** *Round 2 notifications*

If openings develop after our first round of evaluations or at any point before the beginning of the academic year, we will contact round 2 applicants who have been chosen for these openings. Please note that we will only initiate additional contact with second round applicants if spaces in the program become available. Applicants will be scored on high school achievements, activities, leadership potential and the Honors College essay.