

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
2023 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 do not require SAT/ACT scores, but we will include them in your file if you submit them. We will use your SCSU application to look at your transcripts, letters of recommendation and the list of your scholarly and leadership accomplishments and activities.

**STEP TWO:** *Complete and submit the Honors College application essay by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.*  
Applicants to the Honors College must write an essay on the following topic:

Choose a piece of literature, a work of art, a musical composition, or a scientific discovery that you think everyone in the Honors College should study. Why is this selection important? How would studying this topic impact people's lives or change their view of the world?

Your essay should be approximately 750 words, but can be longer or shorter depending on how long it takes you to thoughtfully answer the question. Your response will be evaluated on content (the significance of your answer and evidence of creative thinking) form (clarity, organization, coherence, structure), and writing skills (mechanics, spelling and grammar). Remember to cite any sources that you reference in your essay. You may use any citation format, as long as you indicate your sources

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)  
**no later than January 3, 2023**

You will receive a confirmation e-mail documenting that we have received your application. If you do not hear from us two 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.

If you would like us to know more about your leadership skills, community service, successes (including GPA, class rank, awards), and other activities or responsibilities, or if there's anything else that you'd like to highlight and share with us, you may send this information to the Honors College in a separate Word or PDF document along with your completed essay.

**STEP THREE:** *Honors College "Essay Day"*

Applicants will be scored on leadership potential, high school achievements, activities, and the Honors College essay. Students with the top composite scores will be contacted in mid-February and invited to participate in one of our *Honors College Essay Day* sessions to be held in early March. (Many of our students refer to "Essay Day" as their favorite event of the year!) If you are selected to attend Essay Day, you'll be asked to read a short article, prepare a brief written response and participate in a discussion with a small group of other applicants, current

students, and Honors College faculty. At Essay Day, we'll also offer some information sessions led by the Honors College directors and current students so that you can learn more about the program. As the final step of our selection process, you'll be invited to participate in an individual interview with the Honors College Director and Student Leadership Board (held virtually). Those with the highest composite scores after these evaluations will be offered a place in the program as Presidential Merit Scholars for Fall 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact the Honors College Office at 203-392-5499.