**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 .

**STEP TWO:** *Complete and submit the Honors College application essay by January 10*

Applicants to the Honors College must complete the following essay and submit it to the Honors College no later than January 10, 2021.

# 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**

**no later than January 10, 2021**

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 to confirm our receipt of your essay.

**STEP THREE:** *Honors College “Essay Day”*

Applicants will be scored on high school achievements, activities, leadership potential and the Honors College essay.  Students with the top composite scores will be contacted during the second week of February and invited to participate in one of our *Honors College Essay Day* sessions to be held virtually in late February and early March. (Many of our students refer to “Essay Day” as their favorite event of the year!) For this session, 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. 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. Those with the highest scores after the *Honors College Essay Day* evaluations will be offered a place in the program as Presidential Merit Scholars for Fall 2021.