

# The Honors College

a t

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

Pathway to Greatness

**APPLICATION**

APPLY TODAY



# APPLICATION INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all of the information and instructions before completing and submitting the application packet. You must answer all the required questions. The Admissions Committee will review completed applications only. Space is limited; therefore you are encouraged to apply early. **Application will be accepted after the first grading period of your senior year.**

**Early Admission Deadline:** Postmarked or received in the office by 4:30 p.m. on February 1st.

**Final Deadline:** Postmarked or received in the office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for admission into The Honors College, you must be an Associate in Arts (AA) degree seeking student and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a minimum combined SAT score of 1200 (Verbal/Critical Reading and Math) **or** a composite ACT score of 26 **or**
- a 3.7 grade point average (GPA), weighted or un-weighted, **with** assessment scores (SAT, ACT, or the college placement test) that place you at the college level in reading, writing, and math.

Students interested in The Honors College Dual Language Program must **also** submit one of the following:

- an SATII Spanish Language score of 600 **or** an AP Spanish Language or Literature score of 4 or higher.

Applications will be reviewed and students with exemplary qualifications will be invited to interview. Excess dual enrollment courses may prevent students from being admitted to The Honors College. Students should be prepared to complete two years in The Honors College.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### STEP 1 - APPLY TO MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

- **Apply for admission to Miami Dade College** and submit copies of all requested documents to the **Admission Office on your preferred campus**. You may also apply online at <https://sisvsr.mdc.edu/admission2>.
- **Pay the non-refundable \$30.00 application fee** in the form of a check or money order made payable to Miami Dade College (waivers are not accepted).
- **International Students** must contact the International Student Director at the selected campus for additional instructions and required documents.

### STEP 2 – REQUEST OFFICIAL TEST SCORES TO BE SENT TO MIAMI DADE COLLEGE *Testing Office, 300 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132-2296.*

- Contact College Board or Educational Testing Services (ETS) to have your official test scores sent (SAT, ACT).
- In addition, have your SATII in Spanish or AP score in Spanish Language or Literature sent for The Honors College Dual Language Program.

### STEP 3 – APPLY TO THE HONORS COLLEGE

**Once you have your Miami Dade College student number, send the following to The Honors College, Suite 1264, Miami Dade College, 300 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132-2296.**

- The Honors College Application. This application may be downloaded from our Website: [www.mdc.edu/honorscollege](http://www.mdc.edu/honorscollege).
- A computer-generated or typed essay on an assigned topic in English (see application form).
- A computer-generated or typed essay on an assigned topic in Spanish for The Honors College Dual Language Program only (see application form).
- Three letters of recommendation, one from each of the following: a high school teacher, a high school counselor, a supervisor or organization/club advisor who can attest to your skills outside of the academic setting.
- An official hard copy (not electronic) of your high school transcript **after the first reporting period of your senior year**.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The Honors College Fellows Award is available to students admitted to The Honors College. This award is one of the College's most prestigious scholarships, covering the full cost of in-state tuition and fees as well as a book and academic stipend. The Fellows Award is renewable for one additional year if The Honors College requirements are met.

**Before you qualify for and receive any financial assistance, you should complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** You may complete this application online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or obtain an application at the New Student Center on the Miami Dade College campus nearest you. Awards made to students receiving Federal or State of Florida financial aid may vary according to regulations. The Office of Financial Aid will gladly respond to any question you have and may be reached at 305-237-8888.



# THE HONORS COLLEGE

Miami Dade College

## APPLICATION

**Instructions:** Complete all items in this application package and return it to The Honors College Suite 1264, Miami Dade College, 300 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132-2296. All correspondence sent to this office on your behalf must include your complete name and your Miami Dade College Student Number. Type or print legibly. The Miami Dade College application must also be completed.

Miami Dade College Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Country

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above) Street City State Zip Country

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Secondary

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Immigration Status:  U.S. Citizen  Permanent Resident Alien  Refugee/asylum status  
 Visa: type \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following race/ethnic data. This information is requested on a voluntary basis by the U.S. Department of Education (check all that apply). This information will not affect your admission to the College.

Race:  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African-American  
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  White  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity:  Hispanic  Non-Hispanic

Native Language:  Creole  English  Spanish  Other (please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check your program and campus of preference. Preference is granted based on availability. Students must remain at the campus where they were admitted for the two years.**

The Honors College  
 Kendall  North  Wolfson

The Honors College Dual Language Program  
 InterAmerican

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High school: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    **Last**                                    **First**                                    **Middle**

What is your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_ To what university would you like to transfer? \_\_\_\_\_

List **school clubs/organizations** in which you have participated while in high school \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List **leadership positions** you have held in your school or community while in high school \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List **community service or volunteer activities** in which you have participated while in high school \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Total number of hours of community service or volunteer activities** completed while in high school \_\_\_\_\_

What special talents do you possess? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed?  Yes  No. If yes, complete the requested information.

Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_ Average number of hours worked per week \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of your duties \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed dual enrollment courses?  Yes  No. If yes, where were they taken? \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken AP, IB AICE exams?  Yes  No If yes, list subject area: \_\_\_\_\_

What special honors, awards or recognitions have you received while in high school?

Top 5% of graduating class     Silver Knight Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_     Silver Knight Winner \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

National Competitions \_\_\_\_\_ Placement \_\_\_\_\_

State Competitions \_\_\_\_\_ Placement \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED ESSAY

Please attach to this application an essay on one of the topics below. Applicants to The Honors College Dual Language Program must submit essays in English and Spanish. These topics apply to both.

- Limit the essay to a **maximum of 500 words**
- Place your **name on top of each page and write the topic at the top of the page**
- Type and **double-space the essay using 12-pont font**

*Please choose and discuss a quotation or personal motto that reflects your values and beliefs that tells us something about the kind of person you are.*

*Consider the books, essays, poems, or journal articles you have read over the last year or two, either for school or leisure. Please discuss the way in which one of them has changed your understanding of the world, other people, or yourself.*

*We tend to spend our time doing the things we know we do well — running because we're good runners or painting because we're talented artists. Tell us about a time when you tried something for which you had no talent. How did it go?*

*If you were in a position of power or influence, what social issue would you champion and how would you resolve it?*



# THE HONORS COLLEGE

Miami Dade College

## TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

**INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT:** Enter your name, high school name and your Miami Dade College Student ID Number. Detach the form and give it to a **high school teacher** who can attest to your academic and social skills.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
MDC Student ID Number

**INSTRUCTIONS TO TEACHER:** Please evaluate the academic and social performance of the student named above. Give your overall assessment of this student's abilities and potential for participation in a rigorous and challenging academic curriculum. **Your candid assessment of this student will play a significant role in selection. Please address the questions below and provide supportive evidence.**

How has this student contributed to a positive classroom learning environment?

What are this student's strengths and weaknesses?

How would you rate the student's ability to perform in a rigorous academic environment?

We welcome your additional comments about this student. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

**How long have you known the applicant and in what context?** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place in a sealed confidential envelope and return this letter to:**

The Honors College, Suite 1264  
Miami Dade College  
300 N.E. Second Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33132-2296  
[www.mdc.edu/honorscollege](http://www.mdc.edu/honorscollege)



# THE HONORS COLLEGE

Miami Dade College

## COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION

**INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT:** Enter your name, high school name and your Miami Dade College Student ID Number. Detach the form and give it to your **high school counselor** who can attest to your academic and social skills.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

MDC Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR:** Please evaluate the academic and social performance of the student named above. Give your overall assessment of this student's abilities and potential for participation in a rigorous and challenging curriculum. **Your candid assessment of this student will play a significant role in selection. Please address the questions below and provide supportive evidence.**

What contributions has this student made to the school or community?

What are this student's strengths and weaknesses?

How has this student demonstrated the ability to set realistic goals and develop strategies for completing those goals?

We welcome your additional comments about this student. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

How long have you known the applicant and in what context? \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Place in a sealed confidential envelope and return this letter to:**

The Honors College, Suite 1264  
Miami Dade College  
300 N.E. Second Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33132-2296  
[www.mdc.edu/honorscollege](http://www.mdc.edu/honorscollege)



# THE HONORS COLLEGE

Miami Dade College

## SUPERVISOR RECOMMENDATION OR ORGANIZATION/CLUB ADVISOR

**INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT:** Enter your name, high school name and your Miami Dade College Student ID Number. Detach the form and give it to your **supervisor or organization/club advisor** who can attest to your skills outside of the academic setting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
MDC Student ID Number

**INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERVISOR OR COMMUNITY LEADER:** Please evaluate the performance of the student named above. Give your overall assessment of this student's abilities and potential for participation in a rigorous and challenging curriculum. **Your candid assessment of this student will play a significant role in selection. Please address the questions below and provide supportive evidence.**

How has this student shown leadership in the position held?

What are this student's strengths and weaknesses?

What contributions has the student made to the organization?

We welcome your additional comments about this student. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

**How long have you known the applicant and in what context?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company/Organization** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Supervisor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place in a sealed confidential envelope and return this letter to:**

The Honors College, Suite 1264  
Miami Dade College  
300 N.E. Second Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33132-2296  
[www.mdc.edu/honorscollege](http://www.mdc.edu/honorscollege)



# THE HONORS COLLEGE

Miami Dade College

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Miami Dade College Application submitted to the Admission Office on my selected campus or on line with** copies of all requested documents.
- The **non-refundable \$30.00 application fee** in the form of a check or money order made payable to Miami Dade College (waivers are not accepted) submitted to the **Bursars Office on my selected campus.**
- For **International Students only – submitted required documents to the** International Student Director at the selected campus.
- Test scores sent directly from College Board or ETS to the Testing Office **(Miami Dade College, Testing Office, 300 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132-2296).**
- The Honors College application sent to **The Honors College, Suite 1264, Miami Dade College, 300 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132-2296** with the following:
  - A computer-generated or typed essay on an assigned topic in English (see application form).
  - A computer-generated or typed essay on an assigned topic in Spanish for The Honors College Dual Language Program only (see application form).
  - Three letters of recommendation, one from each of the following: a high school teacher, a high school counselor, a supervisor or organization/club advisor who can attest to your skills outside of the academic setting.
  - An official hard copy (not electronic) of your high school transcript **after the first reporting period of your senior year.**

*The Admissions Committee will review completed applications only. Space is limited; therefore you are encouraged to apply early.*

**Application will be accepted after the first grading period of your senior year.**  
**Early Admission Deadline:** Postmarked or received in the office by 4:30 p.m. on February 1st.  
**Final Deadline:** Postmarked or received in the office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st.



Miami Dade College  
300 N.E. Second Ave.  
Miami, FL 33132-2296

**Miami Dade College  
District Board of Trustees**

Helen Aguirre Ferré, Chair  
Armando J. Bucelo Jr.  
Marili Cancio  
Robert H. Fernández  
José K. Fuentes  
Benjamín León III  
Marielena A. Villamil

Eduardo J. Padrón, President, Miami Dade College

Miami Dade College is an equal access/equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, marital status, age, religion, national origin, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation or genetics information. Contact the Office of Director, Equal Opportunity Programs/ADA Coordinator, at 305-237-2577 for assistance.