The Scholars Program

Application for Matriculated and Transfer Students
The Scholars Program at Brooklyn College

Through small classes, faculty mentoring, research and internship opportunities, and a vibrant, close community of students and alumni, The Scholars Program at Brooklyn College instills in students the values, skills, and knowledge to realize their academic, professional, and personal goals. Scholars is committed to the idea of a liberal arts education through which students think and learn across disciplines, freeing the mind to its fullest potential. The essence of such an education is not what you study but the result: gaining the ability to think critically and independently and to write, reason, and communicate clearly—the foundation for all professions.

Students in The Scholars Program major in an academic subject of their choice, take honors sections of Pathways courses, and earn honors credit for regular courses through independent study projects. They take a choice of interdisciplinary seminars created exclusively for Scholars students. They write a senior thesis based on a yearlong research project and, upon graduation, receive "Honors Academy Graduate" certification on their transcript and diploma. They have access to the Academy's computer facilities and priority registration, and are offered the chance to take part in community events including Theater Night excursions and common hour activities. They receive support from two Scholars Advisors who provide guidance in planning academic programs, pursuing internships and study abroad opportunities, attaining scholarships, and clarifying graduate school and career goals. Scholars maintain an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher and a commitment to honors-level study.

Eligibility and Requirements

You may apply to the Scholars Program if you are a full-time matriculated or transfer student with an overall GPA of 3.50 or higher. NOTE: If you have 60 or more credits please contact the Honors Academy at LisaS@brooklyn.cuny.edu before applying.

How to Apply*

1. Fill out the application form on pages 3 and 4. Personal information on the form is confidential and will not be used as criteria for acceptance into the Scholars Program.

2. Write a personal statement in which you describe what you consider most interesting and important in your life, focusing on your accomplishments, career plans, and ambitions and how The Scholars Program can fit in with your plans. The statement should be no more than two pages typed (double spaced) and should include your name and student ID number at the top of each page. Please attach the statement to the application form.

3. Submit a graded sample of your academic writing with comments, such as a paper written for a course.

4. Transfer students: please have a copy of your transcript sent to: Director, Honors Academy 2231 Boylan Hall, Brooklyn College, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11210-2889.

5. Ask two faculty members at your college each to write a letter of recommendation. You are responsible for ensuring that your letters of recommendation are submitted promptly.

The application deadline is December 15th for spring semester and May 15th for fall semester.

Please return your application form with your personal statement and writing sample to:
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*Students transferring to Brooklyn College must also complete the separate CUNY application.
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Name__________________________________________________ Gender ________________________

EMPL ID ___________________ Home Phone (      ) _____________ Mobile Phone (      ) _____________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________

Email address ______________________________________________

Date of birth ______________________

Check the category that best describes you (optional):

____ Asian or Pacific Islander               ____ Black, non-Hispanic             ____ Hispanic/Latino

____ Native American/Alaskan Native      ____ White, Non-Hispanic

____ Other (please specify) __________________________________________________

Courses you are taking this semester:

_________________________________________     _________________________________________

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Overall GPA_______ Intended Major _________________________  Expected Graduation Date________

Scholastic honors or distinctions you have received:

__________________________________________________________________________________

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Extracurricular activities you are or have been involved with:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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Do you have a job? ____Yes ____ No    If yes, how many hours do you work per week? _______________
If yes, what do you do (position, responsibilities)? ______________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

How did you hear about the Scholars Program?
___ CAASS   ___ ENGL or other professor   ___ admissions   ___ friend/classmate  
___ Other (please specify)  _______________________________________________________________

Letters of Recommendation
Please ask your professors to send their letter directly to (via post or campus mail, as appropriate): Director, 
Honors Academy, 2231 Boylan Hall, Brooklyn College, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11210-2889.

Names and departments of faculty members writing letters of recommendation:
Name _______________________________________
Department___________________________________    School _________________________________
Name _______________________________________
Department___________________________________    School _________________________________

Certification
To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is correct and complete.

Applicant’s Signature __________________________________________    Date __________________
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Faculty Letter of Recommendation Form

**Applicant:** Please fill out the top part of this form and give it to your evaluator to include with your recommendation (one form for each evaluator)

Student's name  
EMPL ID

**To the applicant:** Please read the following statement carefully. Placing your signature below indicates that you are aware of the rights afforded you by the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and do hereby waive your right to examine the contents of this letter, provided that it is used solely for the purpose for which it is requested.

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO WAIVE YOUR RIGHT DO NOT SIGN THIS WAIVER.

Signature  
Date

**To the evaluator:** Please include this form with a letter of recommendation written on your department or program letterhead and return it to the Director, Honors Academy, Scholars Program, 2231 Boylan Hall, Brooklyn College, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210-2889. If the student does not sign the waiver, the letter may not be confidential.

Evaluator's Name

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