

# Aquinas Scholars Honors Program Application

Incoming new students or transfer students

## Candidate Name and Address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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UST ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Essay:

The Aquinas Scholars Honors Program is firmly committed to active student participation in class discussions that involves both extemporaneous speaking and serious intellectual reflection. As part of your application to the program, we would like you to offer your reflections (in a 500 word essay) on a possible seminar course that you think the Honors Program ought to offer during the next few years. In other words, imagine that you are a faculty member who teaches in the Honors Program and create a seminar that you think will be interesting and engaging for students in the Program. Be sure to explain **both** why the seminar ought to be offered and what kinds of topics, issues, subjects, and questions will be studied and discussed in the seminar. Please supply at least one citation from a book, article, or web site in support of your idea. (Note: Honors Seminars are 2-credit, team-taught courses by faculty from different disciplines. They involve significant student participation and discussion leading. For example: Dr. Brady of the Theology Department and Dr. Laumakis of the Philosophy Department have team-taught a seminar on “The Challenge of Religious Diversity/Pluralism.” For a description of other upcoming seminars go to: <http://www.stthomas.edu/aquinasscholars/seminars/default.html>).

## Decision Process:

The admission decision will be made on the basis of the thoughtfulness and clarity of the essay, in conjunction with your GPA and standardized test scores. We review applications on a rolling basis until the end of April. Therefore the “final” deadline is April 30, but the sooner an application is received, the sooner a decision can be made. I suggest that you send in your application as soon as you have the time to write a thoughtful essay. We will let you know about our decision as quickly as possible.

## Return all application materials to:

Office of Admissions  
University of St. Thomas  
2115 Summit Avenue, 32F  
St. Paul, MN 55105

## Statement:

I would like to be considered for the Aquinas Scholars Honors Program. I have included my essay with this application.

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Signature

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Date