

Aquinas Scholars Honors Program Application for Enrolled UST Students

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

UST ID: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

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. **The deadline for receipt of your application is March 1, 2010.** This will give us time to review your application and notify you of our decision before registration for fall semester begins in April. Please feel free to apply early if you would like to enroll in honors sections or seminars during spring semester 2010. If you are accepted into the program, you will want to register for Aquinas Scholars sections of core courses.

Return all application materials to:

Aquinas Scholars Honors Program
Attn: Kathy Tischler – AQU 110
University of St. Thomas
2115 Summit Avenue
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.

Signature

Date