

Aquinas Scholars Honors Contract

(For students entering the program as incoming freshmen or as transfer students with 42 or fewer college credits.)

The following sets forth the conditions under which the undersigned student will be a member of the Aquinas Scholars Honors Program at the University of St. Thomas.

1. I understand that I will be required to take a minimum of **four honors sections** to graduate as an Aquinas Scholar.
 - a. Exceptions to this requirement are granted only under extraordinary circumstances and usually require a substitution (e.g. extra honors seminar) rather than a complete waiver. Any such arrangement must be made with the director of the honors program and set forth in writing in a document to be kept on file with the Aquinas Scholars.
2. I understand that I will be required to take a minimum of **three honors seminars** to graduate as an Aquinas Scholar.
 - a. These three seminars must be taken for a grade, not pass/fail. If a fourth seminar is taken, it can be taken pass/fail.
 - b. Exceptions to this requirement are granted only under extraordinary circumstances and usually require a substitution (e.g. extra honors section) rather than a complete waiver. Any such arrangement must be made with the director of the honors program and set forth in writing in a document to be kept on file with the Aquinas Scholars.
 - c. I have the right to take honors seminars tuition-free.
 - d. Credits earned in honors seminars do count toward the 132-credit graduation requirement at the University of St. Thomas.
3. I understand that I will need to maintain an overall G.P.A. of 3.5 or above to remain a member in good standing of the Aquinas Scholars Honors Program.
 - a. If my G.P.A. dips below 3.5 during a given semester, I understand that I will be placed on probation and will have one additional semester to raise my G.P.A. to 3.5.
 - b. I understand that if my G.P.A. is below 3.5 for two consecutive semesters I will be removed from the program and will need to reapply if I wish to be reinstated.
4. I understand that I have the right to request from the director of the program at any time an audit of my progress in the completion of the requirements for the honors program, but that I am otherwise responsible for monitoring my own progress. I will receive no written communication about the number of honors sections and seminars I have taken or about whether I have fulfilled the necessary requirements unless I specifically request this information from the director of the program. However, I have been notified that my progress in the completion of these requirements is being tracked in UST's student information system and that this information is available to me through the "Degree Evaluation" option in Murphy Online.

5. As a member of the Aquinas Scholars I have the right to run for positions in the student leadership of the group.
6. As a member of the Aquinas Scholars I have the right to use the Aquinas Scholars physical facilities in Murray Herrick Center 160B, including the computers in the lounge, and to partake in refreshments offered by the Aquinas Scholars. I agree not to allow non-Aquinas Scholars to utilize this space or consume products intended only for Aquinas Scholars. I understand that I will need to have my St. Thomas ID coded to gain entrance to this room after hours. I understand that I will be financially responsible for any damage I do to this room or the equipment in it.
7. As a member of the Aquinas Scholars I have the right to participate in all academic, social, and service activities of the Aquinas Scholars, subject to the conditions set forth by the student organizers of these events.
8. I understand that as a member of the Aquinas Scholars I am required to attend one meeting (the "All-Scholars" annual meeting held in September), and that I am responsible for any information given out at this meeting.
9. I understand that any funds expended for the Aquinas Scholars Honors Program must have the prior approval of the faculty director of the program, and that I may not be reimbursed for funds expended without this approval.
10. I will be included on the Aquinas Scholar e-mail distribution list and will receive all e-mails related to the program. I understand that this distribution list is for the business of the Aquinas Scholars only and is not to be used for personal or commercial purposes.
11. Upon graduation, I have the right to be recognized as an Aquinas Scholar at the Honors Convocation, at which time I will receive the honors cords that will mark me as an Aquinas Scholar at my graduation ceremony, and at the graduation ceremony, where my name will be marked on the program as an Aquinas Scholar.
12. After graduation, if a final check reveals that I have completed all of the requirements of the program, I have the right to have it noted on my transcript and on my diploma that I successfully graduated from the Aquinas Scholars Honors Program at the University of St. Thomas.

I understand all my rights and accept all my responsibilities as an Aquinas Scholar.

Student's name (please print)

UST ID #

Signature

Date

Please print out, sign, and return to Kathy Tischler, AQU 110, University of St. Thomas.