Honors Applications 101

Application Tips

• Start early. Do not wait until the week before the applications are due to begin the process.
• Type your first draft in a Word Document or other word processing software before copying and pasting your answer into the response area. This will help to avoid problems with reviewing or editing your answer.
• Use complete sentences.
• Be neat and tidy.
• Don’t be afraid to brag on yourself. This is a competitive process.
• Don’t hesitate to contact the advisor or officers in each society with and questions.
• For essay questions, please confer with the writing lab and address the question directly.
• Make sure your essay matches the organization or award’s stated purpose.

Interview Tips

• Show up about 20 minutes early.
• Dress appropriately in business casual unless otherwise directed.
• Know your application and the link between your abilities and the group’s purpose.
• Review your essays in case of questions.
• Be yourself.
• Collect your thoughts before speaking. It’s fine to pause before answering.
• Speak clearly and use eye contact to establish rapport.
• Think of possible questions and prepare answers. Common questions include knowing your strengths and weaknesses, greatest accomplishment and why you should be chosen for membership.
• View it as a learning experience and relax.