

**Honors Excel Scholarship Application**  
**William Paterson University Honors College**

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Are you currently a full-time or part-time student?

How many credits have you earned at WP?

The William Paterson University Honors College includes all majors and seeks diversity in representation across groups. The Honors Excel Scholarship is for current WP students. This is a competitive scholarship. Not all qualified applicants will receive a scholarship. The requirements for the scholarship are that the student be a first-year student at WP, have freshman or sophomore status, have earned a WP grade point average of 3.5 or higher, completed 90% of attempted credits, have earned 30 credits by the end of the second semester, complete the regular Honors College application, complete this scholarship application, and submit an essay. The scholarship is \$2000 per year for three years, starting in the Fall 2019 semester. Decisions will be made in June 2019 by the Honors Track Directors.

The requirements for students in the Honors College include that the student maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher; take one Honors course each semester, join and complete an Honors research or creative performance track; and complete seven hours of civic engagement each year. Admitted students will be asked to sign an Honors College Student Contract which outlines additional requirements. Please acknowledge that you understand and agree to these requirements.

Honors College students must apply to and be admitted to an Honors research or creative performance track before the start of their third year. Students are not guaranteed a spot in their track of choice. Review the Honors College Student Handbook on the Honors College web page to see track requirements. Note that joining an Honors track adds additional course work to your degree requirements; usually between two and six additional courses. Check this box acknowledging that you have reviewed the Honors College Student Handbook and have read this paragraph.

In addition to completing this form, the scholarship application requires you to submit an essay of at least 250 words but no more than 600 words. The essay topic is: What is the role of education in society? You can answer this question by discussing the role of education in a free society or by discussing the role of education in your family or by narrowing the scope of your answer in some other way. You are not required to do research to answer the question. Instead, base your answer on your observation and experience.

Complete this form and attach the required essay. Return the form and the application to the Honors College office in Raubinger 154 or to [Honors@wpunj.edu](mailto:Honors@wpunj.edu) by May 1, 2019.

- *Acceptable file types: .pdf, .doc, .docx, .txt, .rtf, .png, .jpg*
- *Your file must not be password protected*
- *Your file must not contain macros*