



Selective Liberal Arts College + Flagship Research University = **DAVIDSON HONORS COLLEGE**

Please send completed application and materials to:

Davidson Honors College
32 Campus Drive
Missoula, MT 59812

You may email your application and materials to: dhc@umontana.edu

Applications to the Davidson Honors College received by or postmarked on the first Friday in December will be considered for the **Presidential Leadership Scholarship**. Applications received after the first Friday in December deadline will be considered for admission to the Davidson Honors College, but will be ineligible for the Presidential Leadership Scholarship.

At the Davidson Honors College, we take an **innovative approach to excellence in undergraduate education**. We believe that honors courses are distinguished by inspiration and relevance more than difficulty. We recognize that real learning occurs both inside and outside the classroom. We know that great mentoring comes from peers as well as faculty and staff. We support the intellectual and professional development of all our students. Most of all, we know that every Davidson Honors College graduate has the skills necessary to serve as an engaged and powerful citizen.

Please read the information below before you begin:

In order to complete this application, you'll need to provide:

1. Basic biographical information
2. Information about your academic background and achievements
3. A copy of your unofficial transcript(s)
4. A short statement about your academic interests: What major(s) or academic area(s) of interest do you plan to pursue at the University of Montana? What interests you about that field of study? What are your future career goals and other professional aspirations? Limit your statement to 300 words, maximum.
5. A brief essay of 600-1,000 words on one of the following topics:

Topic 1: Describe an event in your life, a person, a book, or an experience (choose one) that has had a profound effect on you. How has it influenced change in you, your attitudes, and/or your goals?

OR

Topic 2: What does leadership mean to you? What is the most inspiring example of leadership that you have witnessed? Why was this example of leadership so inspiring, and what have you learned from it?

Students applying for admission to the Davidson Honors College should show clear evidence of academic talent, leadership, and motivation. Generally, a high school GPA of 3.5 is expected, as well as an ACT composite score of 27. For students who took the SAT exam we generally expect a composite score of 1270 or higher (Reading and Writing + Math). These criteria are not absolute, however, and all highly motivated students are encouraged to apply.

Applications are especially welcome from non-traditional students, international students, veterans, and students from varied racial and ethnic backgrounds. College transfer students and currently enrolled students at the University of Montana with a record of strong academic performance are likewise welcome to apply.

Deadline

Applications to the Davidson Honors College submitted by the first Friday in December will be considered for the Presidential Leadership Scholarship. Applications submitted after the first Friday in December will be considered for admission to the Davidson Honors College, but not for the Presidential Leadership Scholarship. Davidson Honors College applications will be considered only from those who have applied for admission to a four-year undergraduate program at The University of Montana.

Special Notes on the Presidential Leadership Scholarship

The Presidential Leadership Scholarships are the University of Montana's premier academic scholarships, recognizing outstanding talent, academic performance and contribution to the community. These awards are renewable for four years, subject to satisfactory performance by the student.

Every Presidential Leadership Scholar receives an annual stipend (\$7,500 per year for a Gold PLS and \$5,000 per year for a Silver PLS). Additionally, Presidential Leadership Scholars will receive a substantial tuition discount or waiver (depending on residency status). Resident students receive a full tuition waiver. Non-resident students who receive the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Scholarship have their tuition discounted as WUE Scholars. Non-resident students who do not receive WUE Scholarships receive a tuition discount equivalent to the in-state tuition rate (currently \$4,373).

Presidential Leadership Scholarship Award Summary

For Montana residents:

Gold Level: \$7,500 stipend plus a tuition waiver valued at approximately \$4,373 per year

Silver Level: \$5,000 stipend plus a tuition waiver valued at approximately \$4,373 per year

For non-residents receiving a Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Scholarship:

Gold Level: \$7,500 stipend and WUE Scholarship

Silver Level: \$5,000 stipend and WUE Scholarship

For non-residents from a non-Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) state:

Gold Level: \$7,500 stipend plus a tuition waiver valued at approximately \$4,373

Silver Level: \$5,000 stipend plus a tuition waiver valued at approximately \$4,373

Finalists for the Presidential Leadership Scholarship will be selected from applications postmarked by or received before the first Friday in December. Finalists will be notified of their status by the first week in January, and will then be invited to interview with a Presidential Leadership Scholarship Committee member by phone or in person during our PLS event on the first Friday in February.

Biographical Information

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

UM Student ID (if known, if unknown please put "unknown") _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address

Permanent Address

Current Phone _____

Academic Information

High school last attended or currently attending _____

High school graduation year _____

Cumulative high school GPA on a 4.0 scale _____

Does your high school rank its students? (please circle your response) Yes No

High school class rank _____ in a class of _____

ACT Test Scores

English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Composite _____

Writing (optional) _____

SAT Test Scores

2016 Format: Reading & Writing _____ Math _____ Composite _____

List any advanced-level courses successfully completed or currently in progress (e.g., AP Honors, IB, A-level, Running Start, Concurrent):

Prospective college major (if unsure, indicate "exploring")

This section is for current UM students and transfer students only.

Number of credits earned _____ Please Circle One: Semester credits Quarter credits

Class level _____

Name of college you currently or last attended:

Cumulative GPA in college _____

Additional Information

Are you a National Merit Semifinalist? (please circle your response) Yes No

U.S. Citizen (please circle your response) : Yes No

State of legal residence _____

If Montana resident, what county? _____

Signature

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and permit the University of Montana to release information to scholarship donors, UM Foundation, the media and any pertinent parties.

Signature _____ Date _____

STOP!

Did you complete the following?

- The Davidson Honors College application.
- Attach your academic interest statement.
- Attach your essay.
- Provide a copy of your unofficial transcript(s).
- The University of Montana application for admission.