Deadline
Application materials must be **received by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020**. Applicants will be notified by December 21, 2020, about whether or not they have been selected for the Eagle Scholars Program. Only complete applications will be considered.

Eligibility
To be eligible to apply for the Eagle Scholars Honors Program, you must:
- Submit your completed application to the University of Northwestern – St. Paul;
- Be at least 15 years old;
- Have an ACT composite score of 28 or higher, an SAT score of 1330 or higher, a CLT score of 88 or higher, OR a high school GPA of at least 3.90 with evidence of advanced study (college preparatory curriculum, AP coursework, early college/concurrent enrollment/Post-Secondary Enrollment Option, etc.).

Application Overview
The application consists of three parts:
   I.   Cover Page/Personal Profile Information
   II. Current Event Essay
   III. Two Supporting Scholarly Works

Your name should appear *only* **on the Cover Page/Personal Profile section.** Application materials are reviewed by a panel of faculty evaluators using a blind process, with identifying information removed from the rest of the application after the initial processing.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact **honorsprogram@unwsp.edu**.

I.   **COVER PAGE/PERSONAL PROFILE INFORMATION**

Provide the following information on the first page of your application:
- Name
- University of Northwestern - St. Paul ID # (if known)
- Complete mailing address (street address, city, zip code)
- Home telephone number
- Cell phone number
- Primary email address
- Alternate email address (if available)
- High school name, city, and state
- List any advanced coursework that you have taken, such as Advanced Placement (AP), College in the Schools (CIS), International Baccalaureate (IB), Early College, Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO), concurrent enrollment, college preparatory curriculum, etc. Please indicate the institution(s) where you took the courses and whether the courses were taken online or on campus.

II.   **CURRENT EVENT ESSAY**

Overview: You will summarize and respond to a news article about a recent event. Your document will be evaluated on both content and presentation.

Purpose: This part of the application provides a recent sample of your written critical thinking abilities. The aim is to have all applicants complete a similar task.

Instructions:
1. **Article Selection.** Select a **news article** about an event that happened within the last month of your submission date. The article can be in any category of your choice but should be a piece that focuses on reporting rather than on commentary (do not select an editorial or opinion column, for instance). Please attach a copy of the article (not merely a link to it) with your essay.
2. **Summary.** Start your paper by **summarizing** the article in 300 words or fewer. Write in your own words; avoid using quotations or phrases from the article. Aim to be as objective as possible; do not interject your own opinions or biases here. Please label this section of your document with the heading *Summary*.
3. **Response.** For the rest of your essay, **analyze** and **respond** to the event in 500-750 words. This section will provide your own commentary on the issue at hand. You may wish to consider moral or spiritual implications, examine assumptions or ramifications, or discuss other matters of interest to you. Aim to show original analysis and critical thinking in your response. Again, write in your own words. Please label this section of your document with the heading *Response*.

Tips:
- Select an article on a topic that interests you and allows you to demonstrate your ability to think through an issue well. It may be wise to avoid topics on which your strong feelings may tend to make your discussion too strident, antagonistic, partisan, or preachy.
- Explain your thinking well and provide relevant examples where appropriate.
- Make the most of your limited space (you may want to condense a longer draft, for instance).
- Do not include any information that identifies you (such as your name, ID number, etc.) on your document.
- Edit your document carefully, following the **editing guidelines** listed below.

III.   TWO SAMPLES OF SCHOLARLY WORK

Overview: You will submit two documents that provide samples of your individual scholarly or creative work.

Purpose: This part of the application allows you to highlight work that you think represents you well.

Instructions: Please follow the guidelines listed below for submitting each of your two samples of scholarly work. Send copies of these documents, not originals. Do not send the graded copy of an assignment. These documents will not be returned to you.

Document 1: An essay, research paper, or scholarly report
- A document of 1,000-3,000 words (not counting the title or bibliography/reference pages) is recommended.
- Please provide information about the **context of your work:**
  - What was the assignment?
  - Under what circumstances did you complete the assignment?
  - How long were you given to complete the assignment?
  - Did anyone help you on this assignment? If so, what help was given?
- Please note the following:
  - We are looking for evidence of both distinctive, higher-level thinking and strong communication abilities. Your document will be evaluated on both content and presentation.

o   If you wrote the paper for a class, consider revising it, perhaps based upon feedback from your instructor. You certainly may improve it before you send it to us. Please edit your document carefully, following the **editing guidelines** listed below.

Document 2: Another sample of scholarly work
- This second sample of scholarly work may be another paper; if you send another paper, follow the instructions above for an essay, research paper, or scholarly report. However, this second sample of scholarly work does not have to be written text.
- This sample can be your individual work in any discipline (no group projects). For example, you could include an art portfolio, a science project with a lab report, a creative writing project (a complete work of no more than 10 pages), a speech, an individual musical or theatrical performance, etc.
- Please provide information about the **context of your work:**
    o   What was the assignment?
    o   Under what circumstances did you do this work?
    o   Did you get any help? If so, what help was given?
- A university faculty member in the appropriate academic field will judge your second scholarship sample (for example, a professor of piano will judge piano submissions and a professor of math will judge math submissions).

Tips:
- Select works that you feel represent your abilities and potential well. The works you select do not need to be in your intended major.
- Use current technology when submitting your work: use common formats and make sure any website links will work properly.
- Do not include any information that identifies you (such as your name, ID number, etc.) on your document.
- Recordings of musical performances may include accompaniment but should showcase individual talent.
- Mathematical and computer programming submissions should demonstrate abilities beyond what might be expected in a typical mathematics or computer course: simply submitting a homework assignment or a link to computer code may not result in a high score.
- Creative pieces may benefit from inclusion of an artist's/writer's/creator's statement to explain the intended aims or techniques of the piece.

RECOMMENDED EDITING GUIDELINES
For every piece of writing you send us, we strongly recommend adhering to the following editing guidelines:
- Double space your document.
- Use more than one paragraph.
- Use standard academic language; avoid slang, colloquial, or excessively informal language.
- Use complete sentences. Avoid fragments and run-ons.
- Minimize the use of rhetorical questions.
- Avoid addressing your audience directly as "you."
- Make sure any "this" references have clear, specific antecedents.
- If your document includes a thesis, make sure your thesis is clearly stated and supported with sufficient explanation and examples.
- If your document includes citations, make sure they are correctly and consistently formatted. Any commonly used citation style (e.g., Chicago, APA, MLA) is acceptable.
- Proofread carefully to eliminate errors. Careful proofreading shows your attention to detail and is essential for a strong score.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

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By Mail or Drop Off

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By Email

> Please send your application materials via email attachment to **honorsprogram@unwsp.edu**. If possible, **please send your entire application as one document** (your name should only appear in the Cover Page/Personal Profile). Please use Microsoft Word or PDF format.

Confirmation of Receipt

> An email confirming that we have received your documents will be sent within three business days of receipt. Because of the number of applications we receive, we are unable to confirm receipt of any applications by phone.