



Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

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Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Dolores Margaret Richard (D.M.R) Spikes Honors College at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Being one of the five campuses in the only historically black land-grant system in the United States is just one of many things that make Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR) so special. Approximately 7,500 students are enrolled each year in SUBR's more than 33 bachelor's, 19 master's and 5 doctoral degree programs. Our curricula prepare graduates to compete in a global workforce and to enter graduate or professional programs.

I welcome you to explore how you can maximize your academic journey with the enhanced educational experience available through the D.M.R Spikes Honors College. Students with a proven record of strong academic achievement and motivation, and who have demonstrated exceptional creativity and talent are challenged and nurtured through the use of innovative pedagogy, flexible and competitive curricula, and mentoring relationships with distinguished faculty and scholars. Graduates of the Honors College become primary targets for employment by national corporations and are prime candidates for admission to graduate and professional schools. Class size, teacher/student ratio, library and computer facilities, living and learning residence programs, extracurricular activities, intercollegiate and intramural sports, study abroad programs and much more serve to further enhance our honors curricula.

Eligibility criteria for admission of incoming freshmen are specified in the enclosed documents. Transfer students with a maximum of 70 earned college credit hours or demonstrated research accomplishments and a GPA of 3.30/4.00 may also be considered for membership.

This packet includes an application for admission to the Honors College, recommendation forms, and the eligibility criteria. Separate applications are required for the Honors College and the University. The Southern University and A&M College undergraduate application and other needed forms (immunization and housing forms) can be obtained through the Office of Admissions.

We welcome you and your parents to visit our campus and College and to meet with us.

Sincerely,

Deadra James Mackie

Interim Dean, Dolores Spikes Honors College
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Dear Prospective Student:

We need your full cooperation in determining your eligibility for membership in the Honors College and/or in completing your admission file.

Please forward the information marked "X" below to our office:

- X Application for Admission to the Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College
- X Current High School Transcript **(Seven or Eight-Semester)**
- X College Transcript **(If Applicable, 36 Maximum Earned Credit Hours)**
- X ACT or SAT Score **(SAT Math and Verbal Only)**
- X 250 Word Essay
- X Two Letters of Recommendation

If applications for admission to the University are not attached, please contact our Office of Admissions or visit the Office of Admissions that is linked to the University's website at <http://www.subr.edu>.

Also, should you or your parents have any questions regarding your admission to the University or membership in the Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College, please contact us at Post Office Box 9413, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813 or call (225) 771-4845 or (225) 771-4872.

Sincerely,

*The Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College
Southern University and A&M College*

ACT _____
SAT _____
GPA _____
SEX _____
MILITARY STATUS _____
PROJECTED MAJOR _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Admitted _____ Not Admitted _____
By _____
Date _____
Classification _____
H.S. Rank _____ %tile _____

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
HONORS COLLEGE - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

Post Office Box 9413; Southern Branch Post Office; Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

NAME _____ SS # _____
Last Name First Middle

HOME ADDRESS _____
Street City and State Zip Code

HOME PHONE _____ PARISH OR COUNTY _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CAMPUS ADDRESS _____ CAMPUS PHONE _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____
Street City and State Zip Code

DATE OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION _____
Month and Year

SIZE OF GRADUATING CLASS _____ RANK IN CLASS _____

PARENTS' NAME _____

PARENTS' OCCUPATION _____
Father Mother

PARENTS' EDUCATION _____
Highest Grade or Level of Father

_____ Highest Grade or Level of Mother

NUMBER OF BROTHERS _____ NUMBER OF SISTERS _____

INDICATE THE SOURCES OF YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

To help us consider your application, please attach **one** of the following:

- (1) A 250-word essay - Why do you want to join the Honors Program?
- (2) A 250-word essay describing the most important intellectual experience you have had to this point.
- (3) A copy of a recent class writing assignment, preferably in English, that has been reviewed by an instructor.

Are you applying for admission to the Honors College as a first-time college freshman? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, how many college credit hours have you earned? _____ What college or university? _____

ALL TRANSCRIPTS, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

DOLORES MARGARET RICHARD SPIKES HONORS COLLEGE
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70813

PURPOSE

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PHILOSOPHY

The instrumental and functional roles of education are secondary goals of the D. M. R. Spikes Honors College. The development of knowledgeable and productive individuals, as a result of exposure to strong liberal arts experiences that emphasize the relationship between values and beliefs and all forms of meaningful activity, is a fundamental belief. In addition, quality leadership and scholarship can best be met by cultivating the critical, inquisitive and creative spirit.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Participation in the D. M. R. Spikes Honors College is voluntary. However, students must apply for admission to the College.

The application package includes a transcript, a copy of your ACT or SAT score report, an original essay on a topic chosen by the applicant, and two letters of recommendation from high school instructors, principals, or counselors.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Incoming Freshmen Students

Students are admitted and may be awarded funding based on their grade point average (GPA) and ACT scores.

- A. Minimum ACT Composite 23 – 23.9 or equivalent SAT score (without writing)
 - Minimum High School GPA of 3.3/4.0—funding at the level of \$1,000 per fall and spring semesters.

- B. Minimum ACT Composite 24 and above or equivalent SAT score (without writing)
 - Minimum High School GPA of 3.3/4.0 - Funding at the level of \$2,500 per fall and spring semesters.
- C. Minimum ACT Composite 25 and above or equivalent SAT score (without writing)
 - High School GPA of 3.0/4.0 or higher - Funding at the level of \$2,500 per fall and spring semesters.
- D. Minimum ACT Composite 27 and above or equivalent SAT score (without writing)
 - High School GPA of 3.5/4.0 - Funding at the level of \$3,000 per fall and spring semesters.
- E. Minimum ACT Composite 30 and above or equivalent SAT score (without writing)
 - High School GPA of 3.5/4.0 - Funding at the level of \$3,500 per fall and spring semesters.

Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Students not meeting the ACT Composite 23 requirement can still be admitted to the Honors College once they provide proof of graduating ranked first or second in their high school class.

- o ACT Composite 20 - 22.9 or equivalent SAT score (without writing) - \$1,000 per fall and spring semesters.

Transfer Students

Transfer students must apply for membership and show proof of a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 or demonstrated research performance potentially leading to a thesis; documented participation in high school and college co- and extra-curricular activities; and submit two letters of recommendation from faculty or advisors of an academic institution.

CRITERIA FOR CONTINUING AFFILIATION WITH THE HONORS COLLEGE

To retain the designation of Honors Scholars, students must maintain a GPA at least equal to if not higher than 3.0/4.0, each applicable semester. They must earn a minimum of 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester, including 4* or more Honors credit hours. Scholars are expected to conduct research, write a thesis, and defend it successfully. Scholars have to be in good standing (conduct/behavior wise and otherwise) with the University.

* (1) This requirement does not apply to a scholar with 32 Honors credits or on track for an average higher than 4 Honors

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Name of Applicant: _____

If you wish to waive the right to review this letter of recommendation, please indicate your decision by signing the following statement: I wish to waive my right to read or review this recommendation, even though I understand that I am under no obligation to do so.

Signed _____

Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDER:

Please type or print. This recommendation will remain confidential and will be used by the Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College. Please comment on the applicant's academic record, potential to do Honors work, creativity, discipline, maturity and anything else that you think would be relevant in assisting the college in evaluating the applicant's eligibility. **You may use both sides of this form or attach a separate letter.**

Signature _____

Date _____

Name _____

Position _____

Address _____

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