Resident Honors Program
2010 Application
Postmark Deadline: December 1, 2009
Welcome
Fall 2010 Applicants

The Resident Honors Program has a two-part application process: the RHP Application and the USC Undergraduate Application.

The first step is the RHP Application, available only from the RHP website in Adobe Acrobat format. The forms in the RHP Application will provide us with some personal and academic information about you. Also included are the high school nomination form and teacher recommendation forms. Though the deadline for all application materials is December 1, 2009, we would like you to send in the RHP Application as soon as it is complete. Completing this section early will identify you as a serious applicant and will guarantee that you receive further information about USC and the Resident Honors Program in a timely fashion.

The second step is the USC Undergraduate Application, available online on the USC Admission website http://www.usc.edu/admission/undergraduate/. This includes the second half of your application for admission, information about financial aid, and the topics for your college essay.

All application materials must be completed with a postmark deadline of December 1, 2009 in order to be eligible for consideration for USC’s highest merit scholarships.

Please mail the RHP Application to:
Resident Honors Program
University of Southern California
3454 Trousdale Parkway, CAS 200
Los Angeles, CA  90089-0153

All Application materials must be completed and/or postmarked by December 1, 2009.*

We look forward to working with you, and we welcome any inquiries you may have about the application process or any other aspect of the Resident Honors Program.

* Some departments, such as the USC School of Cinema-Television and the USC School of Theatre, have supplemental materials and varying deadlines. Please refer to the USC Application guidelines for further information about supplemental deadlines.

To contact the Resident Honors Program by phone, call (213) 740-2961.
1. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE 2010 RHP APPLICATION PROCESS:

You can only apply to the Resident Honors Program with the RHP Application, available from the RHP website, and the USC Undergraduate Application, available from the USC Admission website.

- DO NOT mail the RHP Application to the USC Office of Admission (see adjacent box).
- The postmark deadline for the complete Application is December 1, 2009.
- Include your name on all documents.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS:

a. COMPLETE THE 2010 RHP APPLICATION:

1. SECTION A - Personal Information Form (TWO PAGES).
2. SECTION B - Nomination Form (TWO PAGES): Your high school principal or counselor must complete this form. Your application will not be processed until this form is received. Please inform your counselor that additional information will be required of him or her in the USC Undergraduate Application.
3. SECTION C - 2 Teacher Recommendation Forms (TWO PAGES EACH): Give these to two of your high school teachers. One must be an English teacher.

b. COMPLETE THE 2010 USC Undergraduate Application (available online from the USC Office of Admission).

Some departments (e.g., the USC School of Cinema-Television) and some programs have their own supplemental applications and deadlines. Such applications and deadlines will be outlined in the USC Undergraduate Application or can be found on the respective departments’ websites.

c. OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT: Your counselor should attach your transcript to the Nomination Form, or you should send a sealed transcript separately. Your transcript must include course work completed in the 9th grade.

RHP applicants should have honors, AP, or IB courses on their transcripts and very few grades lower than B+.

3. TEST SCORES:

- USC requires a standardized writing exam from all applicants. You can meet this requirement through either the SAT or the ACT with its optional writing section. A minimum SAT I combined score of 2050 OR composite ACT score of 32 is required to be considered for the Resident Honors Program.
- TAKE THE PSAT IN OCTOBER 2009 IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION.
- TAKE THE SAT I OR ACT BY DECEMBER 2009 IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE HIGHEST USC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS. USC takes the highest ACT score or the best combination of SAT I math, reading, and writing scores.
- Be sure to have your test scores sent directly to USC.
- SAT II’s are not required.

4. INTERVIEW: An interview is not required as part of the RHP selection process. However, if you plan to be in the Los Angeles area, please call ahead if you would like to arrange a meeting. Please note that an on-campus interview is required to compete for the highest USC Merit Scholarships. If you are being considered for these scholarships, you will be notified mid-February 2010.

5. APPLICATION FEE PAYMENT: Applicants to the Resident Honors Program will be required to pay a $65 application fee or request a fee waiver with submission of their USC Undergraduate Application.

6. HOUSING: You will be sent an application for University housing, which will be included in your formal letter of acceptance to the University. On-campus housing is a vital part of the Resident Honors experience. Each RHP student is required to live in one of the University Residential Colleges during his or her entire freshman year.
Section A - Personal Information (page 1 of 2)

Please fill out the following information. Be certain to write in black ink.

Legal Name and Information (Indicate your name exactly as it appears on your Social Security card or passport):

LAST ___________________________ FIRST ___________________________ M.I. __________

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (OPTIONAL) ___________________________ BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YY) ___________________________

SEX: FEMALE ☐ MALE ☐ CITIZENSHIP: U.S. CITIZEN ☐ U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENT ☐ INTERNATIONAL ☐

Current Contact Information:

STREET ADDRESS ___________________________

CITY ___________________________ STATE OR PROVINCE ___________________________ ZIP ___________________________ COUNTRY ___________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER ___________ EMAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________

What is your career objective?

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Why is this your choice?

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What is your parents’ attitude toward your nomination for this early entrance program?

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How do you think the Resident Honors Program will benefit you personally?

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Section A - Personal Information (page 2 of 2)

Tell us about a book you read this past year that especially intrigued you.

Tell us about a film you have seen that has particularly affected you.

Do you have any exceptional talents?

How do you use your free time?

Do you have any friends or relatives who have participated in RHP?
Section B - Nomination Form (page 1 of 2)

This section is to be filled out by a high school counselor and reviewed by the high school principal or headmaster for his/her recommendation. Both must sign the form to show that the school endorses the student’s application to the Resident Honors Program. Please note that a high school counselor will also be asked to fill out a Counselor’s Report as part of the USC Undergraduate Application.

Only superior high school students who will complete their junior year by June of 2010 are eligible for the Resident Honors Program at USC. Applicants must have the support of their high school to apply.

THIS NOMINATION FORM MUST BE MAILED TO:
Resident Honors Program
University of Southern California
3454 Trousdale Parkway, CAS 200
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0153

Name of Nominee:

LAST ___________ FIRST ___________ M.I. ___________

High School Information:

SCHOOL NAME ______________________________ SCHOOL PHONE (_______)

SCHOOL ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________

NUMBER OF YEARS THE NOMINEE HAS ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL ___________ NOMINEE’S INTENDED YEAR OF GRADUATION ___________

Please indicate the percentage of the student’s graduating class who plan to attend four-year colleges or universities.

PERCENTAGE ______________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Grade Point Average:

UNWEIGHTED GPA ___________________________ WEIGHTED GPA __________________

AP or IB courses the nominee has taken (Please list):

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Test Scores (Please report current information on the nominee’s best scores to date):

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### Section B - Nomination Form (page 2 of 2)

What are the first words that come to mind when describing the nominee’s academic qualifications?

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What are the first words that come to mind when describing the nominee’s other qualifications?

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Why do you believe this student will succeed in the Resident Honors Program?

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Do you feel this student has the emotional maturity and self confidence necessary to begin college a year early? Why or why not?

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#### High School Counselor’s Approval:

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#### High School Principal or Headmaster’s Approval:

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The student whose name appears above has been nominated for the Resident Honors Program at the University of Southern California. We appreciate your frank evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the candidate. Please feel free to send a letter of recommendation in place of (or in addition to) this form.

How do you rank this student’s intellectual promise? (Check one)

BEST OF YOUR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS ☐ TOP 5% ☐ TOP 10% ☐ OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) ☐

If lower than the top 10%, for what reasons do you believe that he or she will succeed in this program?

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What are the student’s strengths?

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Do you feel that the student is sufficiently socially and emotionally mature to adjust to university life?

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Is this student active in high school activities? If so, in what areas?

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In what way(s) does this student need help in his or her development?

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Can this student work independently?
Section C - Teacher Recommendation #1 (page 2 of 2)

Please describe the work of the student in your subject. Give grades and performance level.

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Please select one of the following two options:

I strongly recommend this student without reservation. □

I recommend this student, but with reservation noted: □

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Other comments:

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Teacher’s Information:

TITLE ___________________________ FIRST NAME ___________________________ LAST NAME ___________________________

CONTACT PHONE (_________)

CONTACT ADDRESS ___________________________

SUBJECT TAUGHT ___________________________ DATE ___________________________

SIGNATURE ___________________________

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University of Southern California
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Section C - Teacher Recommendation #2 (page 1 of 2)

Name of Student: ____________________________

FIRST ____________________________ LAST __________

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- BEST OF YOUR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS
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Please select one of the following two options:

I strongly recommend this student without reservation. ☐

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Teacher’s Information:

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