Elmhurst University/Oakton Honors Program Transfer Scholarship

The Oakton College Honors Program Coordinator(s) and faculty members on the Honors Council will select one Honors student per year to receive two comprehensive tuition-free years at Elmhurst University (room and board and other fees are not included).

Requirements:

- Students **need to have visited Elmhurst University’s campus** at least once

(virtual visits are fine).

- **3.5 is the minimum GPA** needed to apply.

- **Must be a member of the Oakton College Honors Program with a minimum of 15 credits in honors courses at Oakton** and ready to transfer as a full-time student at the end of the current semester or summer term. Strong preference given to students completing the Honors Scholar Designation.

- **Must complete the Elmhurst University application by April 1st** at the latest. All materials need to be sent to Elmhurst including a completed FAFSA if you are eligible to file, and official transcripts. Personal statements and letters of recommendation are optional. Application link: <https://connect.elmhurst.edu/apply/>

- **Please submit an essay (prompt information to follow) and one letter of recommendation by April 1st.** If your letter of recommendation is from one of your Honors instructors, that would be especially helpful (but is not required). Letters of recommendation do not have to be extensive but need to provide details about how you did in the faculty member’s class and why they feel you would be a deserving recipient of a full academic scholarship. Professor Townsend cannot write this letter (as he would essentially be writing a letter to himself). Letters of recommendation can be sent to [honors@oakton.edu](mailto:honors@oakton.edu) and Kelly Kirchner, [kelly.kirchner@elmhurst.edu](mailto:kelly.kirchner@elmhurst.edu) .

- The student that is awarded this scholarship must accept and commit to attending Elmhurst University by May 1st.

**Essay Prompt**

We want to know about your student experience at Oakton College. More specifically, we would like to learn how the Honors Program has impacted you as a student. Please consider the following questions to guide your essay. Your essay should be no more than 1,000 words long.

- What, in your opinion, is the value of earning a higher education?

- What Honors courses have you taken at Oakton? In what ways were these classes valuable or meaningful to you? What, specifically, has been especially powerful or influential about your Honors class experiences?

- How do you think the experiences you had at Oakton will carry through to Elmhurst University? How will they apply to your career?

- What, if any, Honors or PTK\* activities have you participated in (if you have not participated in any, that is okay)? Feel free to talk about other activities you have been involved in besides this in your college career. What have you gained from participating in them?

Please send your essays to [honors@oakton.edu](mailto:honors@oakton.edu) and [kelly.kirchner@elmhurst.edu](mailto:kelly.kirchner@elmhurst.edu) along with the following page of information.

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Intended Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Elmhurst University? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you plan to live on campus? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

□ By checking this box, you are agreeing to the release of information to Elmhurst University including this page of information and all supplemental information needed for the full-tuition Scholarship. Elmhurst University will also be reviewing applications.

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If you have any questions at all about Elmhurst University, please contact Kelly Kirchner:

**Kelly Kirchner, MS** | **Assistant Director of Transfer Admission**

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\* Being a member of PTK is not necessary, but please note that additional scholarships, along with merit-based ones, are available up to $4,000 for students who do not receive this full-tuition scholarship.