



KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY  
**KUHONORS**

## **Kutztown University of Pennsylvania Honors Program Internal Student Application**

The Kutztown University Honors program is an inclusive community of learners who wish to make the most of their education through commitments to leadership, involvement, intellectual curiosity, experiential learning, and originality. Although academic achievement matters, GPA and test scores are not the sole measures of capacity or potential. The Honors program recognizes that every individual's learning journey is distinct and personal. With that in mind we use a holistic approach to admissions. We look for diverse demonstrations of ability and distinction from applicants who bring high levels of work ethic and personal ambition. Please complete the demographic information requested on the front of this form and forward it to the Honors program office along with the application materials outlined on the back.

### **Personal Information**

**Last name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MI:** \_\_\_\_\_

**KU Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@live.kutztown.edu** **KU ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Major(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Minors(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current University GPA (GPA of previous institution if this is your first semester):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated graduation date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Recommending KU Professor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email for Recommending KU Professor:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Details and Instructions

To be considered for acceptance into the Honors Program please submit the following items:

- This application form with demographic information
- Application essay, described below
- Academic resume, described below

Additionally, please ask a professor to send a recommendation to [honorsprogram@kutztown.edu](mailto:honorsprogram@kutztown.edu). The Honors Program will retrieve your university, high school, or previous-institution transcript.

**Guidance on personal essay:** Given our holistic approach to admissions, the most important element of your application to the KU Honors Program is your personal statement, which gives us a chance to get to know you. We ask for an essay of 300-700 words that explains where you are coming from in terms of your background, where you see yourself going with your education, and why you want to join the KU Honors program as part of your journey. Your essay should be cogent and intentional. Tell us about challenges or hardships you've overcome. Tell us about your ambitions. Tell us about the ways that you are involved in your community, and connect those activities to the kinds of involvement that you seek at KU and beyond. There is no formula for your personal statement. Your story is your story. Feel free to be creative, but be sure to give concrete examples of your academic efforts, your community service, and your extracurricular involvement, because we want to see why you will flourish as a member of KU Honors.

**Guidance on resume:** In addition to a personal statement, a one-page involvement resume that focuses on academic accomplishments, campus engagement, leadership roles, and community service can be very helpful giving us a picture of you as a whole person. A resume allows us to quickly understand your diverse commitments and activities, especially those related to your education such as membership in clubs or Honors societies, community service, participation in athletics, and/or work experience.

**Letter of Recommendation:** Please ask a professor or academic mentor who is familiar with your work to write a brief recommendation letter attesting to your potential for academic work and academic leadership. The recommender should include contact information. Recommendation letters should be confidential and sent or emailed directly to the Honors program.

Please return all documents to Honors Hall or email them to [honorsprogram@kutztown.edu](mailto:honorsprogram@kutztown.edu).

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