



Dear Honors Deans, Directors, and Coordinators,

The Virginias Collegiate Honors Council (VCHC) is pleased to once again offer the VCHC Honors Scholar of the Year award for our best and brightest Honors students in Virginia and West Virginia. This award rewards a student from a member institution that successfully embodies the scholarship, character, and ambition associated historically with Honors students and the VCHC. Awardees of this scholarship will receive registration and lodging at the VCHC spring meeting courtesy of the VCHC, a \$500 cash award, and their narrative will be included in the 2015 Proceedings of the Virginias Collegiate Honors Council. The recipient will also have the opportunity to address their peers at the meeting where they will have an opportunity to receive further acknowledgement and speak about being a part of an Honors community and what that means to them.

How do I nominate a student for this award?

Each member institution may nominate one Honors student. Whichever process your institution adopts to identify your nominee is entirely at your discretion. The application packet for your student must include all of the following:

- The completed VCHC Honors Student of the Year Application Form,
- an unofficial college transcript,
- a written recommendation from the honors administrator at the home institution (which must be a current VCHC member),
- a personal student narrative of no more than 1200 words that in large part answers the question, “How has your participation in Honors enriched the program, the campus, and the community? How has it changed your life?”, and
- a signed copy accepting the terms and conditions of the award.

Applications will be accepted beginning January 1st, 2015, and ALL applications must be received by January 30th. Detailed submission instructions, as well as the VCHC Honors Scholar of the Year Application Form can be found on the VCHC website - www.vchc.net. The student selected for the award will be chosen by the current Executive board of the VCHC and the awardee will be notified on or before March 2th, 2015. All components of the application, including the strength of the recommendation as well as the written quality and authenticity of the personal narrative will be considered.

Thank you, and please consider nominating a student for this award. We’re very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to our well-deserving students.

Sincerely,

Paul Fitzgerald
Former President, VCHC
Honors Scholar of the Year Committee Chair