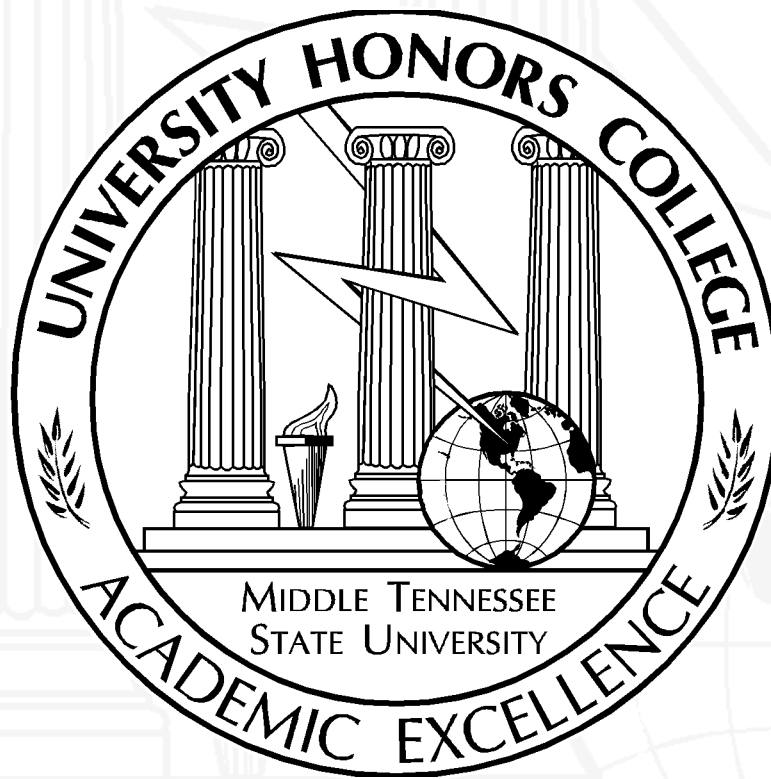


Buchanan Fellowship Application



University Honors College
Middle Tennessee State University

2010-2011

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The Buchanan Fellowship

The Buchanan Fellowship represents the highest award given to an entering student in the Honors College at Middle Tennessee State University. Each year, twenty (20) applicants are chosen to become Buchanan Fellows. Students in each class of Buchanan Fellows are similar in ability but diverse in terms of interests, experiences, and professional goals. Characteristically, they have high aspirations, strong records of scholarship, and much evidence of special talents, leadership skills, and community-mindedness. Ideally, each possesses many, if not most, of the virtues espoused by the Honors College: honor, commitment, integrity, discipline, faith, curiosity, character, and creativity.

The benefits of being a Buchanan Fellow are numerous. The foremost benefit is a rich, classical education—one that provides a superior foundation for graduate school or professional school (e.g., medicine, law, theology). The Buchanan Fellowship provides (1) full payment of tuition and fees *even if tuition rises in the future*; (2) a \$1,000 per year book allowance; (3) consideration for study abroad scholarships; (4) access to the resources of the Undergraduate Fellowships Office, which promotes Honors College students and others for prestigious national and international fellowships (such as Fulbright, Rhodes, Truman, Goldwater, etc.); (5) access to special lectures and events sponsored by the Honors College; and (6) support for preparation and admission to graduate or professional schools through the Postgraduate Information Center. Buchanan Fellowships are automatically renewed for up to four years provided that the student meets the benchmarks and responsibilities of the award (described below).

Admission of Buchanan Fellows

In order to compete for a Buchanan Fellowship, an applicant must (1) apply for undergraduate admission to Middle Tennessee State University (www.mtsu.edu/~admissn); (2) complete the application form for admission to the University Honors College as a Buchanan Fellow; (3) have a high school GPA of at least 3.5; (4) earn a composite score of at least 25 on the ACT (SAT equivalent = 1160); (5) provide an official transcript of all high school work completed; and (6) provide an essay on the topic provided in part B on page 4. These are minimal requirements—successful applicants will generally equal or surpass the qualifications required for other MTSU academic scholarships. While priority consideration will be given to applicants with a 29 or above on the ACT, we are open to applications from people with life experiences and varied perspectives that might outweigh lower academic credentials such as travel, community service, or special challenges.

The deadline for receipt of the completed application is December 1 of the year prior to fall enrollment. Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance during February or March of the subsequent year. Notification will be accompanied by a confirmation/acceptance form upon which the student will make a firm commitment to accept (or reject) the fellowship offer by May 1 and to accept the responsibilities of a Buchanan Fellow.

Responsibilities of Buchanan Fellows

By accepting a Buchanan Fellowship, a student assumes several responsibilities. Among these is a pledge to (1) uphold the ideals espoused in the Honors Creed; (2) serve up to eight hours each semester as a student ambassador in the Honors College; (3) participate fully in a specially-designed cohort curriculum called the Buchanan Seminars; and (4) progress toward graduation according to benchmarks set by the Honors College.

Benchmarks of progress include

- completion of the 20-hour Buchanan Seminars requirement (lower-division courses) by the end of the sophomore year (fourteen hours to be completed during the freshman year and six hours during the sophomore year),
- completion of a minimum of six semester hours of upper-division Honors credit by the end of the junior year,
- completion of all requirements for graduation with University Honors (or Distinction in University Honors) by the end of the senior year, and
- maintenance of a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) at all times.

Failure to meet these benchmarks may result in permanent loss of privileges and financial aid associated with the Buchanan Fellowship.

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Buchanan Fellows Application

Part A

Name _____
Last First Middle MTSU ID no.

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone _____ E-mail Address _____
Area Code Number

Cell Phone _____
Area Code Number

High School Name _____

City and State of High School _____

ACT Composite Score (or SAT = M + CR) _____ High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____

List up to five (5) academic or special recognitions you received while in high school.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

In descriptive phrases, list any community service projects to which you have devoted more than 40 hours of your time.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

List *in ranked order* (top choice first) all colleges, universities, or programs to which you expect to apply including MTSU.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

List up to three possible areas of significant academic interest.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Part B

Essay: What are you most interested in learning at MTSU and how will you use what you have learned to affect your community (500 words or less, double spaced)? We value a high level of creativity and self reflection.

Part C

Your Buchanan application and essay should be mailed directly to the Honors College by December 1 (see address below). Also, please provide an *official* transcript of all high school work completed. Have your school principal or guidance counselor mail your transcript directly to

Buchanan Fellows Committee
University Honors College
MTSU Box 267
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

