



## Application for Incoming Freshmen

### About the Program

Christian scholarship is a particular calling to Kingdom Service shared by everyone with a college education. The Kuyper Honors Program takes students exhibiting exceptional gifts in this area and helps them to cultivate this calling and explore what it means in their lives. Since this calling is for students, not just graduates, our program calls students to engage in works of public scholarship that have a real-world impact as part of their studies. We also seek to cultivate habits of life-long learning rooted in a love of the Author of Truth, equipping our students to stand firm in their calling, even in an age of uncertainty.

Students who enroll in the Kuyper Honors Program will:

- Understand integral Christian scholarship
- Develop a Kuyperian sense of scholarly work as calling to a particular kind of Kingdom service
- Articulate a sense of broader calling in this world rooted in a Biblical historical imagination
- Demonstrate an ability to question and challenge the deforming spirits of the age from an individual and collective perspective
- Develop proficiency in interdisciplinary, theoretical, and collaborative scholarly work
- Engage in active public scholarship and community service
- Demonstrate the traits of a life-long Christian learner
- Demonstrate proficiency in the development, communication, and consideration of ideas necessary for Christian leadership

Additional information about the program is available on the Dordt University web site, [www.dordt.edu/academics/kuyper-honors-program](http://www.dordt.edu/academics/kuyper-honors-program), or contact one of the co-directors.

### Co-Directors

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## Qualifications for Incoming Freshmen

- An ACT composite score of 28 or higher (or the SAT equivalent).
- A high school GPA of at least 3.5.
- Students who do not meet one of these criteria, but who can demonstrate substantial merit or capacity for success in this program are welcome to still submit an application.

### To consider your application to KHP, we must receive the following:

- Your completed KHP application form.
- Your completed and signed application essay.
- Your two letters of recommendation, using the attached form.
- A completed Dordt University application, including transcripts and ACT or SAT scores.

Send the completed application to:

Office of Financial Aid  
Kuyper Honors Program  
Dordt University  
700 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Sioux Center, Iowa 51250

Or send electronically to:

Email: [schowork@dordt.edu](mailto:schowork@dordt.edu) / Fax: 712-722-6035

For priority consideration, completed applications must be postmarked on or before February 1. Late applications will be considered as space allows.

### Entrance Essay Prompt

Write a 1000-word, double-spaced essay that develops a thesis, uses the categories listed, and includes examples, to address the following question:

*What does it mean to be called to Christian Scholarship? What experiences (referencing particular books, courses, or projects) lead you to believe that this might be a calling in your life?*

Use a standard essay format (such as MLA, including citations), including a heading on the first page with your name, essay title, and mention of the Kuyper Honors Program. The essay must be entirely your own work, without any help in writing or editing. At the end of the essay, include the following statement and sign the essay: "This essay is entirely my own work and I received no assistance in writing or editing."

## Applicant Information

Name			
Last	First (given name)	Middle	Preferred
Mailing Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Email Address			
Dordt University ID# (if known)			
High School Attended			
Name, City, and State (or indicate if home-schooled)			
Intended Major(s)/Program(s)			
For example: Biology major/premed; English major/Theater minor; Secondary Education/Choral Music			

## Letters of Recommendation

Provide the names and contact information of two people who you have asked to provide letters of recommendation. These people should be familiar with your academic motivation, achievement, and abilities. At least one letter (or both) must be from a teacher of one or more of your current or recent high school classes (or a college faculty member). Please give each person a recommendation form and ask them to complete it as indicated and have them send it directly to the address provided.

Recommendation #1	
Name	
Position	
Employer	
Mailing Address	
Phone	
Email	
Relationship to applicant	

Recommendation #2	
Name	
Position	
Employer	
Mailing Address	
Phone	
Email	
Relationship to applicant	

## Office Use Only

- Dordt Application
- HS Transcript
- HS GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ or University GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- ACT ENG: \_\_\_\_\_ MAT: \_\_\_\_\_ REA: \_\_\_\_\_ SCI: \_\_\_\_\_ WRI: \_\_\_\_\_ CMP: \_\_\_\_\_
- SAT REA: \_\_\_\_\_ MAT: \_\_\_\_\_ WRI: \_\_\_\_\_ CMP: \_\_\_\_\_ : ACT CMP Equivalent: \_\_\_\_\_

Received:

# Reference Form



## To Be Completed by Applicant

Please fill out the section below and give this form to your recommender. These should be high school teachers (or college faculty) familiar with your academic ability and character.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First, Middle Initial

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 guarantee students access to educational records concerning them. Students are permitted to waive their right of access to recommendations. Please indicate below whether you wish to have viewing access to this letter of recommendation. I, the applicant, (check one)

DO  DO NOT

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

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For more information about our program, see [www.dordt.edu/academics/kuyper-honors-program](http://www.dordt.edu/academics/kuyper-honors-program)

## To be Completed by Recommender

The student listed to the left is applying to the Kuyper Honors Program at Dordt University and is requesting your recommendation for our program. If you are willing to do this, we ask that you would write us a letter offering your evaluation of this student's readiness for our rigorous honors program.

In your signed letter, please address the applicant's:

- connection to you, including, The nature and length of your relationship,
- academic ability,
- motivation to learn and ability to work independently,
- understanding of the Christian faith, including how it applies to scholarly activity,
- leadership ability and level of maturity.

Please fill out the information below and use official letterhead for the letter (if possible).

Recommendation forms and letters can be made available to the student upon request unless the student has waived the right of access. In order to ensure confidentiality, return both this form and your letter of recommendation directly to Dordt University at the address below. Completed applications are due on February 1.

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Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
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