

2016-2017 Honors Scholarship

The First Presbyterian Day School Honors Scholarship provides the Middle Georgia area with prestigious academic scholarship awards for rising ninth grade students. In the tradition of academic scholarships found at our finest universities, the FPD Honors Scholarship intends to attract the most exceptional students from Middle Georgia to FPD's High School program. A well-established scholarship program helps to ensure the continuity of excellence within a school. The FPD Honors Scholarship enhances FPD's tradition of excellence.

FPD may award up to four (4) Honors scholarships each year to rising ninth grade applicants. This award may range from partial to full tuition and will be renewable each year to those scholarship recipients who maintain a FINAL grade of a 90 and above academic average.

Selection Criteria

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, a student must:

- be a new student to FPD
- be currently enrolled in eighth grade
- be nominated by an adult outside the student's immediate family (i.e., a current or former teacher, school principal or guidance counselor, pastor, family friend, or FPD graduate)
- submit a completed application for admission with accompanying admission fee, academic records, recommendations and student's photograph
- complete a shadow visit, group testing and an interview

The most competitive nominees demonstrate an excellent academic record by their achievement of a strong grade point average throughout their middle school career and posting high standardized test scores. They often rank in the top ten percent of their classes, maintain a numeric average of at least 90, and score in the top 15 percent of independent school norms on the Educational Records Bureau CTP-4 test.

Nomination Process

Step 1: Apply for Admission

Nominees will be mailed an Honors Nominee Admission packet after their nomination has been received in the Enrollment Office. All nominees must complete the Admission Application online though the FPD website (www.fpdmacon.org) as well as submit the \$60 application fee by March 11, 2016. To be considered, an applicant must submit the following completed documents: a copy of the applicant's most recent standardized testing, a school transcript including their first semester grades, recommendations from the applicant's current English and Math teachers, a copy of their disciplinary record, a copy of their birth certificate, social security card and a photo of the student.

Step 2: Apply for our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

All Honors Scholarship nominees are encouraged to complete a need-based tuition assistance application by March 31, 2016. Honors Scholars may also receive need-based tuition assistance to complement their merit scholarship. Questions about eligibility or the application process should be addressed to the Director of Enrollment. For more information, follow the link for Tuition Assistance on FPD's website, www.fpdmacon.org.

Step 3: Complete Group Testing

All nominees are required to take the Educational Records Bureau (ERB)

Comprehensive Testing Program (CTP-4) on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Group testing will be administered on FPD's campus from 9am to 1pm. Applicants should report to FPD's Media Center at 8:45 a.m. and may bring a water bottle and a snack if desired. Students are free to dress comfortably.

Step 4: Schedule a Shadow Visit at FPD

All nominees are required to complete a Shadow Visit by Friday, April 8, 2016. This visit allows the nominee to "shadow" one of our current students to experience FPD. Shadow Dates may be scheduled with Tammy Jones in the Office of Enrollment.

Step 5: Student Interview

The student interview will be scheduled through the Enrollment Office and will need to be completed by April 8, 2016. The interview will be captured by video for review by the selection committee. All recommendation letters should be received <u>prior</u> to the student's interview.

Step 6: Notification

The Scholarship Committee will mail notification letters to each nominee by April 15, 2016.

Nominees' Timetable

If you are being considered for the Honors Scholarship, please be sure to follow these deadlines:

March 1	Nomination Forms submitted
March 11	Admission Application submitted with all required documents
March 12	Group Testing at FPD: 9am – 1pm
March 31	Tuition Assistance Application submitted online with accompanying tax documents
April 8	Interviews & Shadows to be completed
April 15	FPD Honors Scholarship winners notified by mail

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