



## Applying for the Helena College Honors Pathway

Students applying for admission to the Helena College Honors Pathway should show clear evidence of academic talent and motivation. Generally, a minimum GPA of 3.5 (high school or college) is expected, and prior to applying to the Pathway, students must be eligible for placement into college-level math and English courses. Required GPA criterion is not absolute, and all highly motivated students are encouraged to apply.

Applications are welcome from all students including those from varied racial, ethnic and educational backgrounds.

### Helena College Honors Pathway Application Procedures

Mail or deliver all of the following materials in a single envelope to the Helena College Honors Pathway, Attn. Honors Committee, Helena College, 1115 North Roberts Street, Helena, Montana 59601.

1. The Helena College Honors Pathway application found on the other side of this handout.
2. One letter of recommendation from a teacher speaking to your academic and personal qualities. This letter should be obtained from referee in a sealed envelope that must be included in your application or mailed to Helena College. Only one letter will be considered during the review of your application. Current Helena College students must include a letter of recommendation from a Helena College instructor.
3. A list of your extracurricular and volunteer activities. For each activity, provide a brief description, indicate the grade level(s) and duration in which you participated and note any leadership positions held or recognition received.
4. An essay of 600 -1,000 words (double-spaced) on either of the following topics but not both:  
Topic 1: Describe an event in your life, a person, a book, or an experience (choose one) that has had a profound effect on you and influenced change in you, your attitudes, your goals, OR  
Topic 2: Identify and describe a characteristic of leadership that you find to be particularly interesting, troubling, controversial, or otherwise worthy of further study, and discuss why this characteristic strikes you this way.
5. An unofficial transcript of your high school record, including your cumulative GPA (through your junior year if currently a senior in high school). Current Helena College or transfer students should also attach an unofficial transcript of their completed college work. Transcripts should be included in your application pack. Official transcripts are not required, but transcripts are subject to verification.

### Deadlines

Deadlines for application to the Helena College Honors Pathway are 15 days prior to the beginning of registration for the semester you wish to apply for. Please consult the current catalog or Helena College website for more information regarding deadlines.

# Helena College Honors Pathway Application

## I. Biographical Information

Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Helena College Student ID (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Academic Information

Prospective college major (if unsure, indicate "general") \_\_\_\_\_

Current Helena College and Transfer Students

Number of credits earned \_\_\_\_\_ Year of first college course \_\_\_\_\_   Semester credits   Quarter credits

Name of college, or colleges, attended \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

High school last attended \_\_\_\_\_ High school graduation year \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative high school GPA on a 4.0 scale \_\_\_\_\_ Other GPA (if not 4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_

ACT scores (if available) English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_ Writing (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

SAT scores (if available) Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

List any advanced level courses successfully completed, or currently in progress, during high school (e.g. AP Honors, IB, A-level, Running Start):

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## III. Additional Information

U.S. Citizen  Yes  No

Gender  Male  Female

State of legal residence \_\_\_\_\_ if Montana resident, what county \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Average hours worked per week \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. Signature

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and permit Helena College to release information to scholarship donors, the media, and any pertinent parties.

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