At the end of my junior year, the Presidential Honors Program allowed me the opportunity to attend a professional conference of my choice. I selected a political science convention outside of New York City because I had always wanted to travel there. While at this convention I got the opportunity to discuss political science and philosophy with students from Harvard, Yale, and Stanford. It was there that I realized that my Tarleton education could hold its own against those Ivy League schools.  

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Honors College Preview Days

To preview Tarleton’s Honors classes first-hand, we encourage you to sign up for one of our scheduled Preview Days. During this campus visit, you will:

- meet a current Honors student who will serve as your guide
- participate in an Honors class
- tour the Honors Hall
- visit with guides to get student perspectives on the Honors College
- meet with the Executive Director of the Honors College
- be advised by an Honors advisor
- take a campus tour (optional)
- eat lunch in the campus dining hall with your guide (optional)

Honors College Orientation

Students who have been accepted to the Honors College are invited to attend one of the special Honors College Orientations. You’ll meet some of your future Honors College classmates, visit your academic department, meet some of the current Honors students who will act as your guides, and register for classes—all in a comfortable setting of 30 to 40 students. Starting in March, these early sessions allow you the most flexibility in building a schedule.

Honors Owl Camp

Several Owl Camps during the summer give you an opportunity to come celebrate being a part of the Honors College.

- meet with experienced Honors students in your major
- get to know other incoming Honors freshmen
- meet with the Honors Hall Residential Coordinator
- enjoy your first meal as an official Honors student
- walk through the room you’ll be living in

Summer Study In Urbino, Italy

Urbino has been referred to as “la città ideale” (the ideal city) of the Italian Renaissance. The Honors College hosts an affordable month-long summer study abroad program in Urbino. Students study many facets of the Italian Renaissance and can receive up to six hours of Honors credit.

Would you like to be part of a select group of students chosen on the basis of demonstrated excellence in academics as well as leadership, service, and a capacity for intellectual inquiry? Do you have a strong desire to further your education, not only toward the end of job security, but to professional advancement and the goals of developing your mind, increasing your knowledge, and benefiting society?

If you are an academically talented student with a commitment to excellence, one of Tarleton’s two Honors programs may be a good fit for you. In either program, the Presidential Honors Program or the Honors Degree Program, you will be part of an Honors community that combines the advantages of a small liberal arts college with the diversity of a comprehensive state university.

Tarleton State University, an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer and Educator, is committed to excellence through diversity.

To submit a scholarship application form: www.tarleton.edu/scholarships

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### Presidential Honors Program

**Admission Criteria**

- Graduating high school seniors who rank in the top 10 percent of their class.
- A minimum SAT score of 1270 or ACT score of 28.
- Evidence of outstanding abilities: extracurricular activities, service to school and community, letters of recommendations from teachers.

The following factors, among others, are considered in the application process:

- GPA and a 3.0 Honors GPA. They also must complete a minimum of 15 hours of Honors Core courses and a sophomore three-hour Honors Seminar. Students who complete the 15 hours with a 3.0 overall Tarleton GPA and a 3.0 GPA in the Honors Core courses will receive credit and recognition for the courses they have completed.

### Honors Seminars

- Students in the Honors Core are free to pursue any major course of study offered at Tarleton, and will probably continue to do so for the rest of my life. My past coursework included: "Free Speech, Civility, and the Campus Culture," "Music and Society," "Environmental Conundrums," and challenging topics, such as: "Issues in Public Health Policy," "Philosophy, Sophistry, and Sociology," "The Power of Science in Science Fiction," "Music and Society," "Environmental Conundrums," and "Free Speech, Civility, and the Campus Culture.

### Honors Hall

- The Honors Hall houses 440 honors students as well as the offices of the Honors College and the Honors Student Faculty Development Office. The hall includes: an international student center, study spaces, kitchens, and a large courtyard. With the offices of the Honors College on the first floor, students have easy access to Honors academic advising, as well as Honors social and academic events.

### Honors Hall

- Eligible students include: students who have completed Tarleton’s Honors Core, students who have completed at least two honors courses at Tarleton, and students who are currently enrolled in at least two honors courses.

### Honors Core

- Students must maintain a 3.1 overall Tarleton GPA and a 3.5 GPA in their Honors Core courses to remain eligible to participate in the Honors Core.

### Upper-Level Honors

- Students may apply for admission to Upper-Level Honors. Eligible students include: students who have completed Tarleton’s Honors Core, students who have completed at least two honors courses at Tarleton, and students who are currently enrolled in at least two honors courses.

### Endowments

- Funds are set aside for Presidential Honors Scholarships to total over $1 million. For information on funding a Presidential Honors Scholarship or making a contribution to the Honors College Executive Director’s Circle, contact the Honors College (254) 968-3878 or the Office of Development (254) 968-9789