



UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

APPLICATION PROCEDURE



The application package for CSUSB's University Honors program consists of three components:

- Online form found at <https://www.csusb.edu/honors-program/application-form>
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, or school administrators who can describe your overall abilities and strength of character, and providing examples of your past academic success or community work.
- Statement of Purpose (see below)

Please submit your application materials to honors@csusb.edu with the subject line "Application" followed by your last name or by mailing it to:

University Honors Program
California State University, San Bernardino
5500 University Parkway
San Bernardino, CA 92407

Should you have questions, please contact us at the above email address or at 909-537-7472

Personal Statement Prompt

Mythology is full of interesting and powerful figures. Gods and goddesses endowed with powers particular to their given areas of influence abound. In Greek tales, Zeus wields a mighty thunderbolt while Poseidon commands the seas and earthquakes. Aphrodite influences lovers and Diana stands along Ares as a goddess of war, though focused on wise strategy in battle. The Norse stories offer up the Valkyries, warrior women who select slain heroes to carry to Valhalla while Thor, the god of storms, defends common people from threats. The Mayans revered Itzamma, who gave people tools like language and fire, while Cizin Kisin brought destruction through earthquakes in opposition to Ah Mun, who helped crops to grow and aided farmers.

Whom would you choose to be? What power would you desire? How would you use it? What good could come from destructive powers? What bad could arise from nurturing powers?

In a brief statement of no more than 500 words, identify any god or goddess from any pantheon whose power you would choose to have. It need not be one of those listed above. Explain why you would choose that power, how you would use it, and the dangers you see in having such power. What good could you do? What bad might arise?

Be thoughtful. Be creative. Be you. This prompt is an opportunity to let your personality come through as brightly as your accomplishments come through your transcripts and letters of recommendation. You needn't sound intellectual or fancy. You need not be completely serious. Above all, have fun with the chance to assume god-like status for a while.