HONORS PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE-TRACK STATUS

Admission Criteria:

1. Eligibility to enroll in transfer-level English composition classes (English 1A, 1AH, or 1B).

2. Evidence of a weighted academic Grade Point Average of 3.25 for all four years of high school or at least 12 semester units of college work.

3. Demonstrated ability and commitment to succeed in honors-level work.

Required Application Materials:

1. Completed, signed Applicant Information sheet

2. Statement of Purpose (two-page, typed, double-spaced), written with no assistance from other persons. Discuss your academic goals. Include how you will contribute to the Honors Program or to the Saddleback College community. If there are any deficiencies in your academic record, please explain any extenuating circumstances that may exist. Your Statement of Purpose may be used to evaluate your writing skills as well as read for content.

3. Two letters of recommendation, on letterhead, from an instructor, counselor, and/or employer. At least one of these letters must be from an instructor in English, the humanities, or the social sciences.

4. Transcripts of academic history (Unofficial copies are acceptable)
   a. From all colleges or universities attended, no matter how many units have been completed
   b. From all high schools attended, if fewer than 12 college semester units have been completed

Deadlines:
You may register and complete Honors classes before applying to Certificate-Track status, but your right to apply for Certificate-Track status ends once you have been graded for two Honors classes. Applications are accepted throughout the year, but there are deadlines for students who want to be eligible for priority registration for the subsequent semester.

To be eligible for priority registration, your complete application must be received by the Honors Program Office
- The second Friday in February (for Summer)
- The second Friday in May (for Fall)
- The second Friday in September (for Spring)

Submit applications by mail or in person to Saddleback College, Honors Program Office (LIB 114), 28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo CA 92692. For more information, contact the Honors Program Office at the above address, by phone 949-582-4853, or via e-mail at schonorsprogram@saddleback.edu.
### Saddleback College Honors Program - Applicant Information

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Complete this section ONLY if you plan to transfer to a four-year institution:

- **When do you plan to begin your junior year?**
  - Semester/Year ___________

- **What colleges/universities are you considering?**
  - First-choice school __________________________
  - Second-choice school __________________________
  - Third-choice school __________________________
  - “Safety Net” school __________________________

- **To what academic major do you hope to be admitted?**
  - First-choice major __________________________
  - Second-choice major __________________________

Place yourself along this scale to show your major-vs.-college preferences:

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Complete this section ONLY if you have fewer than 12 college semester units:

☐ I am currently a U.S. High School Student:  Expected graduation: ________
Weighted Academic GPA:  9 – 12________  10 – 12________
Current high school:  Name:______________________________
Address: ____________________________________________

☐ I am U.S. High School Graduate:  Graduation date: ____________
Academic GPA:  Weighted _________  Non-Weighted _________
Weighted Academic GPA:  9 – 12________  10 – 12________
Most recent high school:  Name:______________________________
Address: ____________________________________________

☐ Other (international, GED, home-school, etc.) Specify: ____________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Complete this section if you have ANY college units:

☐ I am a current or returning Saddleback College Student (include IVC courses)
Units completed: _______  Cumulative GPA: _______
UC-Level Units completed _________  Cumulative GPA: _______
Honors courses in progress or completed, if any:
_____________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
(Students may not apply after completing two Honors courses)

☐ I have attended a university, four-year college, or other community college
College: __________________________________________________
Units completed: _____ Semester or Quarter? _____  Cumulative GPA: _______
College: __________________________________________________
Units completed: _____ Semester or Quarter? _____  Cumulative GPA: _______
(If more than two institutions, please attach sheet with this information)
Extracurricular or leadership activities at high school or college:

_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Community service or leadership outside educational institutions:

_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
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Inter-Program Relationships at Saddleback:

The Transfer Center must coordinate your academic plan with the requirements of other programs. For this reason, we need to know other programs with which you are currently working, or are likely to work. **This is for counseling purposes only. Participation in these programs does not affect Honors Program admission or status!**

Are you working with any or all of the following programs? Please check all that apply:

- Extended Opportunity Programs & Services: EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKs: [http://www.saddleback.edu/eops/](http://www.saddleback.edu/eops/)
- Disabled Students Programs and Services: [http://www.saddleback.edu/dsps/](http://www.saddleback.edu/dsps/)
- Financial Aid (governmental, not private): [http://www.saddleback.edu/fao](http://www.saddleback.edu/fao)

Optional Demographic Information:

These questions help us assist your success, evaluate how we can better serve our students, work with college offices and possibly advocate for you if needed. **These questions are optional and do not affect Honors Program admission in any way.**

How many units (not courses) do you expect to take in a typical semester? ______

How many hours do you spend working at a job in a typical week? ______

How many hours do you spend fulfilling family obligations in a typical week? ______

Do you expect to rely on public transportation to get to campus? ______
Required Section: Permissions and Acknowledgements

Please fill in (where indicated) and initial each.

________ I (do ______ / do not ______) give permission for the Honors Program to share information about my academic history with four-year institutions to which I have applied insofar as that communication is necessary for fulfillment of Honors transfer agreements with those institutions (e.g., TAP certification, UCI H2H nomination, etc.)

I understand that if I do not give this permission the Honors Program will not be able to process the paperwork needed for Honors transfer agreements.

________ I (do ______ / do not ______) authorize Honors Program personnel to access my student records in order to verify my coursework and GPA for courses taken at Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College. I understand that if I do not give this permission the Honors Program will not be able to process the paperwork needed for priority registration, the Honors Program completion record on transcripts, and Honors transfer agreements.

________ I (do ______ / do not ______) give permission to Saddleback College and the Honors Program to use photographs or videos taken during activities at Saddleback or Honors Program that include my image in recruitment or publicity materials. I understand that my choice here will NOT affect my acceptance to or participation in the Honors Program in any way.

________ The information in this application and my “Statement of Purpose” essay is true to the best of my knowledge, and I myself have written the “Statement of Purpose” essay without assistance from other persons. I accept that violation of these standards may be grounds for disqualification from the Honors Program.

________ I acknowledge that eligibility for Certificate-Track benefits and opportunities requires “good standing” in the Honors Program, for which I must maintain the following:
   • A cumulative GPA ≥ 3.25 in all UC-transferable coursework.
   • A completion GPA ≥ 3.20 in all Honors courses, with all such courses graded rather than taken as P/NP. (A “P” will be counted as a “C” for this standard.)
   • A documented appointment with an Honors counselor at the Transfer Center at least once per semester.
   • Continuous reasonable progress (as determined in consultation with an Honors counselor) toward completing the Honors Program.
   • Participation every semester in some community service, school service, or leadership, unless for extenuating circumstances a waiver has been awarded.
   • Adherence to the Saddleback College Student Code of Conduct, especially with respect to academic honesty and academic freedom.

________ I understand that completion of the Honors Program in good standing is a minimum but not sufficient requirement for eligibility to participate in Honors transfer agreements, and that no Honors transfer agreements guarantee admission to any school.

________ I accept the responsibility of reading and responding (when appropriate) to communications from the Honors Program Office and the Transfer Center. I understand that my good standing, academic progress, and eligibility to participate in Honors transfer agreements may be compromised if I do not do so.

__________________________________________________   __________________________
Signature                                      Date