

## ***Important Tips for Applying to Plan II Honors:***

- If you have not already been assigned a UT EID (electronic identification number), please visit <http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu> \*  
\* (the address does not need "www" as part of the URL.)
- Plan II must appear as one of your major choices on the electronic or paper Texas Common Application.
- When you begin the electronic Texas Common Application, you must choose the College of Liberal Arts as either your first or second choice college to see Plan II Honors listed as a major choice option.
- You can apply to only one major in addition to Plan II Honors. The other major choice may be in any UT Austin college.
- If you are applying to another major, in addition to Plan II Honors, note the College of Liberal Arts as your second choice college and Plan II Honors as the corresponding second choice major.
- The electronic application will automatically append extra questions to a Plan II applicant's application. Although some questions will be duplicated on the Plan II Applicant Data Form, please be sure to respond to every question on the Plan II Applicant Data Form.
- The two required Plan II forms (Applicant Data Form and Teacher Recommendation Form) may be downloaded from the Plan II Honors website at: [www.utexas.edu/cola/plan2/applicants\\_and\\_visitors/application\\_instructions/beginning/finding\\_the\\_forms/](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/plan2/applicants_and_visitors/application_instructions/beginning/finding_the_forms/).
- You may email [p2@uts.cc.utexas.edu](mailto:p2@uts.cc.utexas.edu) or call Plan II Honors (512-471-1442) to request paper copies of Plan II Honors forms.
- Be sure to include your full name and EID on all your application documents to ensure that your documents are matched and processed promptly.
- Plan II Honors does not require applicant interviews.
- Do not submit portfolios, slides, photographs, CDs, DVDs, audio tapes, videotapes, or other unsolicited materials.
- Do not send any fees, forms, essays, transcripts, scores or any miscellaneous supporting materials to Plan II Honors.
- Applicants are responsible for checking their application status online at <http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu>.
- Office of Admissions Customer Service: 512-475-7387.

## ***Plan II Essay Prompts and Tips:***

All UT applicants must submit (at least) two (2) essays.  
For details, see: <http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu/bal/essays.WBX>  
For Plan II Honors, each essay should be from 300 to 800 words in length.

### ***Topic B: Personal Essay 2 is required of all Plan II applicants.***

Describe how you as a student are a good match with us as a learning community. How will your individual characteristics lead you to make a contribution to our campus? (Be sure to shape your essay to reflect the college or major you have selected.)

**AND**

### ***Either Topic E (Critical Thinking 1)***

Carefully describe a situation outside the scientific laboratory (i.e. in everyday life) in which it is sensible to apply the scientific method, show how the method is applied, and tell what results you expect to obtain.

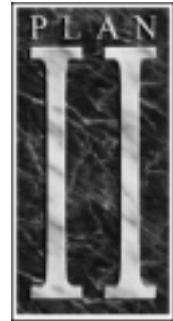
The scientific method is a broad range of protocols for using data to formulate and test hypotheses; you may choose any version of the method.

### ***Or Topic G (The Book Essay)***

Suppose your brother or sister, who is about fifteen years old, will be laid up in bed this summer for a month with nothing planned but reading kids' books, watching TV or videos, and playing computer games. You think a really good book is indicated, a grown-up book that will be enjoyable and life-altering. What book do you recommend? Why is it preferable to the previous plan? What change should it make in a young person's life?

- UT Austin will accept Topic E or Topic G in lieu of Personal Essay A.
- Clearly label each essay with your name, your EID and "Essay B", "Essay E," or "Essay G".
- You may need to write additional essays if you are applying for certain scholarships or additional degrees, majors, or honors programs.
- If needed, additional essays should be submitted with your name and EID clearly noted and also clearly labeled as THIRD ESSAY for application to "XXX Program" or for "YYY Scholarship."

# How to apply to the Plan II Honors Program:



1. APPLY TO UT AUSTIN:

See detailed information on requirements at: <http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu/bal/requirements.WBX>

- a. APPLICATION: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- b. \$50. APPLICATION FEE
- c. SAT or ACT TEST SCORES
- d. OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- e. ESSAYS: Details at: <http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu/bal/essays.WBX>

2. Submit to the **UT Office of Admissions**, the following additional materials required by Plan II Honors:

The two required Plan II forms (Applicant Data Form and Teacher Recommendation Form) may be downloaded from the Plan II Honors website at: [www.utexas.edu/cola/plan2/applicants\\_and\\_visitors/application\\_instructions/beginning\\_finding\\_the\\_forms/](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/plan2/applicants_and_visitors/application_instructions/beginning_finding_the_forms/).

a. ACADEMIC/PERSONAL STATEMENT:

In **your own handwriting** (in black ink on any lined white paper), submit a response to this Academic Statement prompt:

We expect that in college you will discover new interests, and we understand that you may not be certain at this time of the direction you want to pursue. Nonetheless, we are curious about your intellectual interests at this point. **In your own handwriting**, please discuss academic areas you hope to explore or in which you might like to focus in college. Write a few sentences about your interests. The areas may be broadly or narrowly defined and need not reflect a planned field of study.

- Do not exceed 150 words.
- Do not type.
- Clearly label this page as "Academic Statement for Plan II Honors Program" with your full name and EID.
- You may not submit this statement electronically.

b. PLAN II TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM:

- Ask one teacher to complete and submit the Plan II Teacher Recommendation Form.
- A letter may be attached in addition to the form, but may **not** be submitted in lieu of the form.
- Please be sure your recommending teacher understands your application will be incomplete if the form is not completed.
- This form cannot be submitted electronically.

c. PLAN II APPLICANT DATA FORM:

- Respond to EVERY question on this form (even those that duplicate questions from the Texas Common Application).
- Sign the form.
- Keep a copy for your records and use the reminders and status check information.
- You may not submit this form electronically.

d. RESUME (optional):

- If you apply using the paper application, you have the option of submitting a typed résumé.
- If you apply electronically, you may also submit a separate résumé in addition to the nonacademic information requested on the electronic application.
- However, you should still complete the nonacademic information requested on the electronic application.

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Documents which cannot be submitted electronically should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions-Processing  
University of Texas at Austin  
PO Box 8058  
Austin, TX 78713-8058

**Plan II Honors Early Consideration deadline: November 3, 2003.**

**University of Texas/Plan II Honors application deadline: February 1, 2004.**

**These are due dates, NOT postmarked dates.**

**ALL required application materials—including SAT and ACT test scores—must be at the UT Austin Office of Admissions by the deadline or the application will only be considered on a "space available" basis.**