Students who have demonstrated a high level of academic excellence at Marist College may apply for admission to the Program during the second semester of their freshman year or first semester of their sophomore year. A minimum GPA of 3.500 is required for admission. Upon submission of the application materials, the applicant will interview with the Director of Honors and with one other member of the Honors Council. Final approval of the application must be granted by the Honors Council. The Honors Council retains the right to exercise judgment as to the eligibility of the applicants.

**Application materials:**

- Letter of application (see description below)
- Letter of support from a Marist faculty member

**The letter of application should include:**

1. **Brief resume including**
   
   a. Major awards and honors
   b. Extracurricular activities
   c. Leadership experience
   d. Service-related activities

2. **Introduction:** Please write a brief essay (250 words or less) that will serve as your introduction to the members of the Honors Council. Describe an unusual characteristic of yourself or a remarkable experience that you have had that sets you apart from others.

3. **Essay:** Please respond (in 500 words or less) to this excerpt from the Marist College Mission Statement and discuss what challenges you think the world will present to students who will be citizens of the global community in the coming decades.

   "Marist is dedicated to helping students develop the intellect and character required for enlightened, ethical, and productive lives in the global community of the 21st century."

   -- From the Marist College Mission Statement

**Please mail the application materials to:**

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