

UNSC Application Instructions for Current Students

Thank you for your interest in University Scholars. To apply to the program as a current Freshman, please follow the instructions below.

1. Email university_schoalrs@baylor.edu responses to these four questions:
 - a. If you could design your own curriculum, what areas of study would be included and why? How would the Honors College program(s) and/or major(s) at Baylor contribute to your ideal curriculum? (250 suggested word limit)
 - b. Describe a cultural experience you have had and explain how it impacted you. This could be through travel, class, relationships, etc. (250 suggested word limit)
 - c. Describe an academic accomplishment that is meaningful to you since arriving at Baylor; relate that accomplishment to your developing awareness of different disciplines, study, research interests and/or self-awareness you have gained in your time as a college student. (150 suggested word limit)
 - d. In a well-considered essay, examine the claim made below by Newman. Evaluate its compatibility with your own views regarding the proper goals and aims of a college education. Justify your answer with experiences from your own life and/or from pertinent texts, historical figures, and contemporary events.

Newman says the following about liberal education:

"It is a great point then to enlarge the range of studies which a University professes, even for the sake of the students; and, though they cannot pursue every subject which is open to them, they will be the gainers by living among those and under those who represent the whole circle. . . . They learn to respect, to consult, to aid each other. . . . [They] apprehend the great outlines of knowledge, the principles on which it rests, the scale of its parts, its lights and its shades, its great points and its little Hence it is that [their] education is called "Liberal." A habit of mind is formed which lasts through life, of which the attributes are, freedom, equitableness, calmness, moderation, and wisdom." --John Henry Newman

2. Ask a current Baylor professor to write you a letter of recommendation. The letter can be sent to university_scholars@baylor.edu
3. At the top of your application please write out your name, ID number, the areas of concentration you wish you pursue, and the name of the Baylor professor you have asked to write your letter of recommendation.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to reviewing your application.