

Personal Statement

Mission Statement: Houghton College provides an academically challenging, Christ-centered education in the liberal arts and sciences to students from diverse traditions and economic backgrounds and equips them to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world.

Respond to this question: Why do you desire to be a part of a community that intentionally integrates academic excellence and Christian beliefs?

Thoughtfully reflect on this question and respond in approximately 400-500 words (roughly one page). A well-written personal statement will include relevant life experiences that have shaped you (e.g., books you have read, people who have had an influence on you, challenges you have overcome, etc.) and address how you hope your education at Houghton will prepare you for the future.

Acknowledgement of Community Covenant and Signature

As a Christian learning community in the Wesleyan tradition, we pursue academic achievement, personal development and spiritual growth. We seek to create an educational environment that integrates faith, learning and living in a way that honors Christ, follows biblical principles, builds loving relationships, and develops whole Christians who will be active in serving Christ.

To become this kind of community, it is essential that we share a set of values, convictions and commitments that guides our life together. We honor our individual freedom in Christ, the rich diversity of our experiences and backgrounds, and the critical exploration and decision-making that is inherent in our personal development. At the same time, we embrace the vision, ideals and standards that bring us together and allow us to function as a unified Christ-centered academic community. This is a delicate balance, and our statement of community responsibilities describes the ways in which we will seek that creative balance. In joining this community, we individually and corporately covenant with God to live with integrity according to its provisions.

The Community Covenant can be found at www.houghton.edu/community-covenant.

If I am admitted and enroll at Houghton College, I voluntarily covenant with God and with other members of the Houghton community to abide by the provisions of the Community Covenant, as detailed in the link above.

Additionally, I certify that all information provided on this application is correct and that the information and opinions supplied are mine.

Signature

Date

Instructions

In order for you to receive an admission decision, the following items **must** be submitted.

First-Year Applicants

- Application
- Personal Statement
- High School Transcript
- SAT/ACT Score(s)¹
- Recommendation

Transfer Applicants

- Application
- Personal Statement (optional but strongly recommended)
- High School Transcript²
- College Transcript(s)
- Recommendation

¹Waived for international students (including Canadians) but recommended for scholarship and honors consideration. International students for which English is not the first language, TOEFL scores may be required.

²Submitting a high school transcript can be waived for transfer students for admission purposes but will eventually be required when a student enrolls.

Most students are notified of an admission decision within four weeks of application completion date.



Application FOR ADMISSION

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Entrance Information

Entry Term: Fall Spring Year: 20 _____ Entry Type: First-Year Transfer Other _____

Personal Information | Contact Information

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name
Preferred First Name		Email Address		
Mailing Address				
City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Country	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> OK to text (updates on application, etc.) (Standard text and data rates may apply.)		

Personal Information | Other

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____
Month/Day/Year

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident #: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____
Needed for financial aid eligibility for U.S. citizens

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No

The following section is optional:

Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No

Check one or more of the following groups in which you consider yourself a member:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Non-Resident Alien
- Other _____
- Prefer not to respond

Personal Information | Church Information

Church Name	Church Denomination
City	State/Province

Personal Information | Family Information

Father (or Guardian #1)	Email Address	Occupation
Mother (or Guardian #2)	Email Address	Occupation

To whom should we send information about Houghton? Both Father/Guardian #1 Mother/Guardian #2

If different than your own, Parent/Guardian Mailing Address:

Mailing Address City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Name(s) of younger brother(s)/sister(s)

Name	Year of High School Graduation	Name	Year of High School Graduation
_____ Name	_____ Year of High School Graduation	_____ Name	_____ Year of High School Graduation

Will you be the first in your family, including parents, to attend college? Yes No

Check any/all that apply: Parent(s) serving as missionaries Parent(s) in full-time Christian service (e.g., pastor)

Have any of your relatives attended Houghton? Yes No

If yes, name and relationship to you _____

Academic Information | High School

High School _____
Full Name of School Years Attended Year of Graduation

Academic Information | First-Year Applicants

SAT Was taken on _____ Intend to take on/again _____ Score: _____
Month & Year Month & Year Math/Critical Reading only

ACT Was taken on _____ Intend to take on/again _____ Score: _____
Month & Year Month & Year

College(s) through which you have taken/are taking courses during high school:

Academic Information | Transfer Applicants

Current/most recent institution:

Institution Name Years Attended Degree/Hours Earned

Previous institutions attended (attach an additional page if necessary):

Institution Name Years Attended Degree/Hours Earned

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Activities, Cocurricular Involvement and Awards or Honors

Please list below or attach a document detailing your activities, cocurricular involvement and awards or honors. You are welcome to submit this information on a separate document. This information will be used both for admission purposes and for scholarship qualification.¹

¹Note that, due to NCAA Division-III regulations, athletic participation cannot be considered for scholarship purposes.

Major and Career Interests

Which major(s) are you most interested in pursuing or learning more about?

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Find a list of our majors at www.houghton.edu/majors

For prospective music majors, please state your primary instrument or voice part: _____

All prospective music majors must also complete an application to the Greatbatch School of Music: www.houghton.edu/music/

What are your career goals? _____

Reference Information

Adult Reference (required)

Please provide the name and information of a **non-related** adult who can provide insight into your character and personal qualities. Ideally, this person should be a Christian leader/mentor in your life, such as a pastor, youth leader, guidance counselor, teacher or coach. Please ask this person to complete the recommendation form or submit a letter of reference (see recommendation form for guidelines).

Reference Name	Occupation
Daytime Phone	Evening Phone
	Email Address

Other Information

How did you first hear about Houghton College? _____