

**An Agreement
Between
Illinois Central College
and
The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University**

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Illinois Central College Honors Program:

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 - ACT composite score of 25 or above
 - SAT composite score of 1200 or above
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In order to remain in the Honors Program, students must maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA.

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Students who receive an Honors Program tuition waiver are required to complete two Honors items each fall and spring semester that they receive the waiver:

- One item *must* be one designated Honors section of a class.
- The second Honors item may either be:
 - An Honors Course Option (an extra academic project in a non-honors course for which a student receives Honors credit), OR
 - An Honors Volunteer Opportunity (20 hours of approved volunteer work)

5. Relationships between Illinois Central College and Illinois State University faculty and administration are in the spirit of cooperation and provide the basis of this agreement.
6. Representatives of both institutions agree to meet on a regular basis, but at least yearly, to assess curricular changes and other conditions that may affect the nature of the agreement.
7. This agreement does not preclude either institution from making curriculum changes. The other party will be notified of any such curriculum changes.

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Illinois State University Honors Program:

The Honors Program at Illinois State University strives to enrich students' learning experiences by providing opportunities, resources, and support for its Honors students to customize their learning in ways that are valuable to them across all disciplines. The ISU Honors Program framework is comprised of six dimensions of learning, which are considered the learning outcomes of the program. Students explore these learning outcomes through six Honors learning experience options, allowing them to choose the experiences that best suit their interests and goals.

Honors Program students at Illinois State University must complete a minimum of one Honors learning experience per semester and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 each semester. Students who maintain these requirements have a special designation placed on their transcript and are recognized at commencement.

The two institutions agree to the following:

1. Students who fully complete the ICC Honors Program with 15 Honors credits and meet all general ISU transfer and program admission criteria will be admitted to ISU and to ISU's Honors Program. Students who have not fully completed the ICC Honors Program with 15 Honors credits but who have completed 30 credit hours in transfer level classes, 9 of which must be Honors credits, may also be accepted into Illinois State University's Honors Program if he or she meets the standard Program admission criteria as stated above.
2. Illinois Central College students must submit a completed transfer application to Illinois State University in addition to the Illinois State University application to the Honors Program. Students must indicate they are current ICC Honors Program students on the application to Illinois State's Honors Program. Students will not be required to submit any other Honors Program application requirements including written responses to essay prompts.
3. Applications to the Honors Program will be only accepted for fall admission. Those students who transfer to Illinois State University in the spring will need to apply for admission to the Honors Program for the following fall semester.
4. This Agreement will become effective with the 2022-2023 academic year upon signature by all parties and will continue for a period of one (1) year and will be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year terms for a total of five (5) years, unless earlier terminated in accordance with the terms hereof. The parties may mutually agree to renew and/or amend this Agreement. Any such renewal or amendment will be reduced to writing and signed by both parties.
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8. Neither party shall use the name of the other in any written material without the prior written consent of the other party.
9. Either ISU or Illinois Central College may terminate this agreement for any reason upon at least sixty (60) days advance notice to the cooperating institution's chief academic officer. All students admitted to ISU or enrolled at ISU at the time such termination becomes effective shall be permitted the opportunity to complete their degree or program upon such terms and conditions as were in effect at the time such student was admitted.
10. It is understood and agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall be legally liable for any negligent or wrongful acts, either of commission or omission, of the other, unless such liability is imposed by law and this Agreement shall not be construed as seeking to either enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one party against the other or against third parties.
11. Both parties agree to comply with all applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws, orders, and regulations. Neither party shall engage in unlawful discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, pregnancy, sexual orientation, order of protection, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, disability, genetic information, unfavorable military discharge, status as a veteran, or sex (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking).
12. The relationship of each party to the other under this Agreement shall be that of independent contractor, and no employment, partnership, or joint venture relationship shall be created by the entry into or performance of this Agreement by the parties.
13. Both parties affirm that, to the best of its knowledge, there exists no actual or potential conflict between such party's family, business, or financial interests and its obligations under this Agreement: and, in the event of a change in either of its private interests or obligations under this Agreement, and such party will raise to the other any questions regarding a possible conflict of interest which may arise as a result of such change.
14. This Agreement may not be assigned to either party without the prior written consent of the other party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Agreement, any attachments, and incorporated references shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the content of said Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended by either party unless such amendment is mutually acceptable to both parties and is reduced to writing and signed by both parties.
15. The failure of either party to enforce any provision hereof shall not be construed as a waiver of such party's right to enforce such provisions in the future. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be void, voidable or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions, shall remain in full force and effect. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to the conflicts of laws. Any dispute arising hereunder shall be brought only in the appropriate courts located in Illinois. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, including by facsimile signature, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute a single instrument.

16. Any notice required hereunder shall be deemed given when delivered in person or three (3) days after being sent by first class mail to the following addresses, which may be changed by notice provided pursuant to this Agreement:

For Illinois State University:

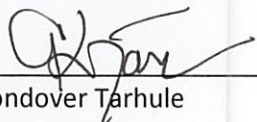
Honors Program
Illinois State University
Campus Box 6100
Normal, IL 61790-6100

For Illinois Central College:

Honors Program
Illinois Central College
East Peoria Campus
Academic Bldg, 333D
1 College Drive
East Peoria, IL 61635-0001

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties here to have executed this Agreement as of the date below.

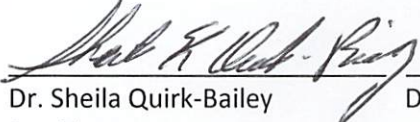
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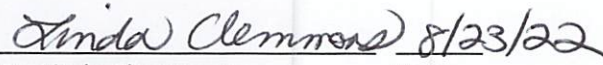
8/22/22
Date

Illinois Central College




Dr. Sheila Quirk-Bailey
President

9/8/22
Date



Dr. Linda Clemmons
Director, Honors Program

8/23/22
Date



Raymond Kowalczyk
Coordinator, Honors Program

8-30-22
Date

**Reviewed and Approved
as to legal form
Office of General Counsel**