Application due: JUNE 1, 2014
Payment is due on or before June 10, 2014

Hood College English Language Institute

Application instructions for HELI program

Note: Application instructions are the same for everyone.

Applicants should:
- Be interested in American culture and open to new experiences.
- Be finishing their Secondary education, be accepted into a university, or want to improve their academic English.

Students will apply directly to the Hood English Language Institute (HELI). HELI will make all admission decisions based on eligibility and space. Preference will be given to students who have been accepted to Hood College for the fall semester, but not limited to those enrolling at Hood College.

Hood College is offering a summer session for students planning to improve their English language ability, as well as experience American customs and culture. The program is designed for students with diverse backgrounds in English and focuses on language instruction as well as cultural exchange. Students should apply to Hood English Language Institute (HELI) during the spring of the year.

HELI does not take the place of an intensive year-long program. It will assist students who are currently English as second language students and assist them in improving their English language skills, especially in academic areas. It is not designed to for beginning English students or learners.

Application Checklist

The following documents should be submitted to the Hood College Admissions Office with the application by fax (+1.301.696.3819) or as an attachment to an e-mail directed to admissions@hood.edu. Applications are due on June 1, 2014.

- Test Score profile: There are two levels of English instruction for HELI, an intermediate level and an advanced level. To apply for the intermediate level course, applicants must have an iBT TOEFL range of 46-75 (IELTS 5-6). To apply for the advanced level course, applicants must have an iBT TOEFL range of 76-120 (IELTS 6.5-9). All cultural events and excursions are the same regardless of level.
- A photo copy of the applicant’s passport biographical page and any applicable visas.
- A bank statement or sponsorship letter, if applicable (see below).
- Optional: Letter of recommendation from an English teacher/tutor. This is not mandatory, but would assist admissions office make a decision, especially if the test scores are low.
- Health Insurance Waiver, if applicable.

Once all application materials have been submitted, the application will be reviewed by the selection committee for eligibility. If applicants meet eligibility standards, they will be contacted for a face-to-face or Skype interview to assess their spoken English ability.

**Bank Statements**
The applicant must submit his/her own bank statement or the bank statement of the person who will pay for the applicant’s studies. It must reflect the ability to support the student financially for the entirety of the HELI Program.

**Sponsorship Letters**
A letter of sponsorship is required if a person or a company/organization will help the student pay for his/her studies.

*Note:* If the sponsor lives in the USA, the letter of sponsorship must be *notarized.*

**US Permanent Residents or Citizens**
Submit copy of the permanent resident card (“green card”) or proof of US citizenship (ex: a US passport)

**Application Processing Time**
Once all documents have been submitted, the application will be processed within 1 to 2 business days.