

# 2024 NCHC Board of Directors Application

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## 1. Nominee Contact Information

### 1. Applicant Information

**First Name**

Steve

**Last Name**

Garrison

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### 2. Please indicate your membership in NCHC:

My institution is a member, and I'm the primary contact

### 3. What type of institution do you serve or attend?

Medium Four-Year Institution(4,000-9,999 undergraduates)

### 4. What region is your institution in?

See here to find your region: <https://www.nchchonors.org/resources/regional-honors>

Great Plains

### 5. Which NCHC Officer/Board of Directors Position you are applying for?

For details on the roles and responsibilities of the different positions, see the NCHC Constitution and Bylaws: [https://www.nchchonors.org/uploaded/NCHC\\_FILES/PDFs/NCHC\\_Constitution\\_Bylaws\\_approved\\_2022.pdf](https://www.nchchonors.org/uploaded/NCHC_FILES/PDFs/NCHC_Constitution_Bylaws_approved_2022.pdf)

Professional at-Large Member (3-year term)

### 6. Please indicate the nominee's qualifications as outlined in the NCHC Candidate Guidebook.

I have served as an NCHC committee member

I have served as an NCHC committee (co)-chair

Committee(s) served - Write In: Developing in Honors

## 2. Student Applicants

Please list the leadership roles you have had on campus. (Include roles and dates).

Please identify trends, challenges, or opportunities you think the National Collegiate Honors Council must address as the needs of students seeking an honors education continue to change.

In 250-300 words, please explain the strengths you can contribute as a member of the NCHC Board of Directors and your goals for service in the NCHC. (This statement will be published alongside your photo on the NCHC election ballot.)

## 3. Professional Applicants

7. Please list your professional positions in honors education with roles (teaching, administration, etc.) and dates. Please make sure 3 years of service are clearly indicated.

Director, Redwine Honors Program, Midwestern State University, 2018-Present

Honors Faculty, Redwine Honors Program, Midwestern State University, 2004-Present

8. Please list your service to NCHC or regional honors organizations with roles and dates. (Include committee membership, board membership, leadership positions, etc.)

President elect, Great Plains Honors Council, 2022-23

Program Chair, Great Plains Honors Council, 2021 & 2023

Co-Chair, Developing in Honors, National Collegiate Honors Council, 2022 & 2023

Volunteer Poster Judge, National Collegiate Honors Council & Great Plains Honors Council 2019-present

9. Please list your involvement in presenting or publishing on honors education. (Include presentations at honors conferences and/or publications in JNCHC, HIP, or the NCHC Monographs.)

"Beer as Text: Brewing as an Interdisciplinary Experiential Learning Endeavour" (Honors in Practice, 2023), "Building Community during COVID-19 and Beyond: How a Community Garden Strengthened an Honors Community" (Honors in Practice, 2022), and "The Campus Improvement Project: A High-Impact Practice to Stimulate Honors Community and Empower Student Leadership on Campus" (Honors in Practice, 2020).

Honors Goes to the Movies: Revisioning Text, Capturing Student Interest, and Developing

Community in the Classroom." National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2022 November 2-5, Dallas, Texas.

Centering Community: Developing in Honors" (With Gavin Keulks, Margaret Kanipes, and Adrienne Washington) Roundtable Discussion. National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2022 November 2-5, Dallas, Texas.

"Developing in Honors Opening: Silver Linings" (with Ebonie Hill, Leah Creque, and Kathleen King) Roundtable Discussion. National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2021 October 27-31, Orlando, Florida.

"Reimagining Research Programs: Best Practices and Lessons Learned." National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2021 October 27-31, Orlando, Florida.

"To Keep or Not to Keep?: Pandemic-Driven Innovations in Honors." National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2021 October 27-31, Orlando, Florida.

"Model United Nations as a High-Impact Signature Experience: The Midwestern State University Experience" HIPS in the States Annual Conference, College Station Texas, February 18-21, 2020.

Creating High-Impact, interdisciplinary Experiences through Model United Nations at Three COPLAC Institutions" (with Linda Veasey, Karsten Mundel, Sandra Rein, and Scott Turner). American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. January 23-26, 2019.

Taking Model United Nations beyond the Classroom. Model UN as a Signature Experience." COPLAC Annual Conference, Wichita Falls, Texas, June 19-21, 2018

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**10. Please identify trends, challenges, or opportunities you think the National Collegiate Honors Council must address as the needs of students seeking an honors education continue to change.**

I believe that there are three primary challenges to Honors education in our current era that NCHC must address. First, NCHC must diligently promote the utility of honors education to counterbalance the budgetary and political pressures that currently threaten honors education. Second, NCHC must spearhead innovation efforts to adapt honors education to the changing nature of higher education that increasingly includes a greater demand for dual credit or online delivery courses. Lastly, NCHC must work to maintain and grow the honors community to ensure it is inclusive to all members of the contemporary collegiate student population, including low socioeconomic status and first generation students.

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**11. In 250-300 words, please explain the strengths you can contribute as a member of the NCHC Board of Directors and your goals for service in the NCHC. (This statement will be published alongside your photo on the NCHC election ballot.)**

With a proven track record of leadership, dedication, and a deep commitment to honors education, I believe I possess the qualifications necessary to make a significant impact on the strategic directions and effectiveness of the organization. As the Director of the Redwine Honors Program at Midwestern State University, a public regional university that primarily serves a first generation and low socioeconomic status student population, I have successfully led a thriving honors program since 2018. Under my leadership, the program has experienced growth and development, including reforming the program to accommodate transfer students to expand its membership as well as strengthening the program's community by expanding program participation by 40%. Complementing my leadership experience is my ongoing dedication to honors education. I have published in Honors in Practice and regularly present at the NCHC Annual Conference, covering topics such as developing community in honors through a community garden, reimagining research programs, and pandemic-driven innovations in honors education. I have also been deeply committed to honors service. I serve as a co-chair of the Developing in Honors section of NCHC, regularly volunteer as a poster judge at NCHC and GPHC and serve as the webmaster for the GPHC website. This experience, combined with my contributions as the President elect of GPHC and Program Chair for the 21 & 23 conferences further demonstrate my commitment to fostering collaboration and professional development within the honors community. I have also participated in several NCHC institutes ranging from the New Directors to Place as Text institutes. I believe that my leadership qualifications, experiences, and strengths make me an ideal candidate for a board position within NCHC. I am eager to bring my skills, knowledge, and passion to this board position and help shape the future of honors education.

## 4. Application Details

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**12. Please note any key skills or interests you can contribute toward implementation of the strategic initiatives noted below.**

Organizational Excellence : Have lead a department and honors program through reorganizational efforts that produced growth in their membership. I have deep interest in protecting honors education by adapting it to our changing realities.

Advocacy : Working with student groups on campus I have advocated for transgender students on campus including the implementation of gender neutral bathrooms on campus.

Research : I have developed an honors intro seminar based on teaching introductory research skills desinged to imporve undergraduate research on campus. This comobined with my background in teaching research methods postion me to conduct research on improving honors education

Professional Development : Have attended a number of NCHC faculty institutes such as the 2018 New Directors, 2019 Honros International Faculty Institute, and the 2020 Place as Text Institute

Diversity & Inclusion : MSU is a primarily low socioeconomic status and first generation student population and these the primary students in our honros program. I have extensive experience helping these student succeed.

### 13. Candidate Photo

**Please attach a recent head shot we may use in publicizing your candidacy for the NCHC Board of Directors. Please keep in mind, this photo will be used across our communication platforms in announcing our NCHC Board of Directors candidates, so we recommend uploading a high-resolution photo of yourself.**

[Dr.\\_Steve\\_Garrison\\_Cropped\\_Headshot\\_#1.png](#)

### 14. Letter of Support

**Please upload an institutional letter of support (from the institution's Chief Academic Officer (professional nominees) or honors dean/director (student nominees)). This letter should indicate support for your nomination and service on the Board, which may include financial support and permission to attend NCHC Board of Directors meetings and do the work of the position.**

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## 5. Thank You!

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