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The *Honors College Brainy Break* is an alternative spring break program sponsored by the Honors College at Arkansas State University. The goal of this program is to fund unique experiences for students to be engaged outside of the classroom as well as explore opportunities outside of the state. For this year's program, the Honors College will travel to Chicago, Illinois during Spring Break 2020. A large portion of the costs associated with this program will be covered by the *Honors Experience Grant (HEG)*, through the support of the Honors College Fee. This program is open to all current Honors students in good academic standing across campus, and applications will be accepted up until 5:00 PM on November 1, 2019. Student interviews will be conducted prior to fall break and students will be notified about selection before winter break.

Please note that students may only receive one HEG grant per academic year. If you are selected to be a part of Brainy Break 2020, then you may be ineligible for another HEG until the 2020 - 2021 cycle. Preference will be given to students that have not previously participated in Brainy Break or traveled to this location before. All majors and classifications are welcome to apply.

Application Information

Completed applications are due by November 1, 2019. Applicants should email their PDF application to honors@astate.edu and save the PDF document as: BB2020_StudentFirstName_StudentLastName. Student interviews will be conducted during the second and third week of November for Brainy Break candidates.

Program Information

The 2020 Honors College Brainy Break program will be from March 21 - March 26. Costs associated with airfare, lodging, transit to and from the Chicago airport, on-site breakfast, and specific tours will be covered by the Honors College.

Students traveling on Brainy Break 2020 may be required to enroll in a 1 credit hour Honors Special Topics course in Spring 2020. Students must fulfill certain academic obligations prior to, during, or following the program (i.e., meetings, reading in preparation for travel, participating in a blog, post-travel reflective paper, social media promotions, newspaper articles, etc.).

Financial Information

Students are responsible for getting to and from the Memphis International Airport, tuition and fees related to the 1 credit hour course, costs associated with parking or gas to and from the airport, as well as any purchases related to extra meals, souvenirs, or events not included in the Brainy Break program.

If you require further assistance or clarification, please contact the [Honors College](#).

2020 Honors College Brainy Break Application

Student Name	
A-State ID Number	
Student Classification	
Expected Graduation Date	
Major(s)	
Minor(s)	
Permanent Address	
Campus Address	
Cell	
A-State Email Address	

Why are you a good ambassador for the Honors College? (Character Limit = 500)

Why do you want to participate in the Honors College Brainy Break? (Character Limit = 750)

Briefly describe an experience that you would like to have in Chicago if you are selected for Brainy Break? (Character Limit = 150)

Have you ever been to Chicago or Illinois state? If so, when and for how long?
(Character Limit = 500)

Cloud Gate is a sculpture in Millennium Park. It is affectionately referred to as “The Bean.” Its reflective properties are what make it iconic. Write descriptively about a time when you had to reflect upon your own life and your place in the world around it. How did this reflection change you? (Character Limit = 750)

Note: If you participate in Honors Brainy Break, you will be receiving an Honors Experience Grant to subsidize part of your program expenses. This is a great benefit to you, however this also means that you may be ineligible for another HEG until the next academic year.

Have you received or plan to apply for another Honors Experience Grant? If so, when?
(Character Limit = 150)

Do you have any special conditions that we need to know about (i.e., dietary, medical, travel accommodations, etc.)? (Character Limit = 150)