

APPLICATION

2012 BURCHARD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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Submit by Thursday, December 1, 2011

Email a PDF to burchard-scholars@mit.edu or mail to the Burchard Selection Committee, 4-240

1. Full Name & ID

last, first ID

2. Current Year (check one)

Sophomore

Junior

3. E-mail

Local address

Phone

4. List all HASS subjects taken. List 6, 9, or 12 units, including current term subjects: subject number / brief title / month and year completed / instructor)

5. Major

Minor (if any)

6. Name/Dept. of HASS Faculty Referee

7. Essay Question: 500 words maximum length. Choose just one topic:

1. Fifty years ago, C. P. Snow described the "two cultures"...education in science and the humanities, and how the divide between them has been problematic because it leaves public figures ill-equipped to lead a technologically complex world, and allows scientists and engineers to evade responsibility for the social consequences of their work. Are there still two cultures of this sort? In what ways is the relationship between science and the humanities different today—or better or worse?
2. At a 1946 conference in Princeton, N.J., Albert Einstein was asked: "Why is it that when the mind of man has stretched so far as to discover the structure of the atom we have been unable to devise the political means to keep the atom from destroying us? Einstein replied, "That is simple, my friend. It is because politics is more difficult than physics." What do you think Einstein meant? Do you agree or disagree?
Source of quote: Grenville Clark, "Letters to the Times," N.Y. Times, April 22, 1955, p.24.

8. Attach a one-page (only) Résumé or Curriculum Vitae to this form.

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INSTRUCTIONS

The referee must be a **HASS Faculty Member** with whom the applicant has taken one or more HASS subjects. The Faculty member must return the reference and nominee's application by **Thursday, December 1, 2011**.

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Print Name

Signature

Date

Department

Address

Email