Benefits:

The benefits of being designated as an “honors” student are many.

- Honors participants have the opportunity to explore new academic directions, receive special advising and support from faculty, and focus more directly on their academic goals.
- Honors participants receive personal satisfaction and academic enrichment from the Honors Program.
- Honors participants may receive preferential treatment upon transfer to the university level. Many upper-level restricted and limited access programs prefer students who have demonstrated that they are serious, highly motivated achievers.
- Honors participants are eligible for extra scholarships and awards upon graduation from Chipola College and subsequent transfer to an upper-level college or university.

“A little learning is a dangerous thing; drink deep or taste not the Pierian spring.”
--Alexander Pope
**Minimum Qualifications**

- Students may be admitted to the Chipola Honors Program by one of the options listed below.
  1. A minimum high school grade point average of 3.5 and a minimum ACT of 23 or SAT of 1080.
  2. A minimum cumulative college grade point average of 3.5, a minimum of 12 college credits, and a minimum ACT of 23 or SAT of 1080.

**Entry Process**

- The college accepts applications from eligible students.
- Applicants will be screened by the Honors Council.
- A limited number of students will be admitted to the program.
- Contact your high school guidance counselor or Chipola for further information.

**Program Components**

- **Honors Seminar (4 semester hours total)**
  - A one-hour honors seminar is offered each semester the student is enrolled at Chipola College.
- **Honors Contract**
  - An Honors Contract will be developed by the instructor, with enough flexibility for individual interest. The final contract will be approved by the appropriate academic director.

**Standards/Recognition**

- Students must maintain and overall GPA of 3.25 in college credit courses (including dual enrollment work) and 3.50 in honors classes (with no grade lower than a B). A full load will include a minimum of one honors course, the honors seminar and full-time enrollment (12 semester hours). Both cumulative and honors averages will be computed at the end of a full academic year.
- Honors courses will be so designated on transcripts.
- Honors Program graduates will be recognized at commencement.

**What else is there?**

The Honors Program now offers opportunities for travel with the addition of field trips. These field trips allow our Honors Students more access to the arts and a chance to travel to places they have only studied or read about in their classes. Some examples of past trips include travel to the Exploreum in Mobile to view the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit, a trip to Jamestown, Virginia to view the excavation of the original colonial site, another to New York to visit museums and attend a Broadway play. We have even taken students to Great Britain for college credit.

Community service is an integral component in the program. In the past, students have raised over $5000 for tsunami victims in Asia though the United Way. Other service activities include Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross and the WINGS program, which assists at risk middle school students with reading.