



## CAROLYN F. BLAKELY HONORS PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR SCHOLARS

### **Introduction and Overview**

The Carolyn F. Blakely Honors Program (Honors Program) here at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff offers a planned set of arrangements to serve the needs of talented, gifted, and committed students who are receptive to serious academic challenges. Our goal is to produce a program that attracts and retains high-achieving scholars with an interest in becoming well educated and well-rounded people willing to make their respective communities and nation a better place to live, work, and learn. To achieve this goal, we have compiled a collection of experiences that are designed to enrich the education experience of our scholars. It is our hope that the scholars in the Honors Program will embrace the opportunities that we provide them with vigor, curiosity, and courage. Honors scholars should be willing to take a look at the world that surrounds them and challenge themselves to learn more about the world. Honors Scholars should also be willing to develop their analytical and critical thinking skills; these are the skills that will carry them far in life. We embrace the philosophy that these students will excel, but that is our responsibility to them to facilitate that process. Therefore, the mission of the Honors Program is to prepare and provide to those students curricula and experiences that will challenge them intellectually and ultimately produce graduates who will be assets to their society.

### **Retention in the Honors Program**

At the end of each semester, the Interim Director and/or staff of the Honors Program will review the academic records of each member to determine if any student no longer qualifies for the program. The criteria are as follows.

#### **GPA Requirement.**

- You must maintain a Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above at all times. If your cumulative GPA falls below 3.25, you should consider yourself on Honors Probation. While on Honors Probation you can still participate in all Honors activities. But you only have one semester to regain full eligibility by pulling your cumulative GPA back up to at least 3.25. However, if your Cumulative GPA is below 3.25 for two consecutive semesters, you will be removed from the Honors Program roster.
- Students that have been removed from the Honors Program are not eligible to participate in any event designed just for members. Students who have been removed from the Honors Program may reapply as soon their cumulative GPA returns to 3.25 along with an interview with the Interim Director and two Letters of Recommendation.
- Students should maintain a copy of the signed Agreement and familiarize themselves with the expectations.

#### **Mandatory Meeting Attendance.**

- Attending regularly scheduled meetings that are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month unless informed otherwise.
- If for some reason you're not able to attend the meetings, please email us at [honorsprogram@uapb.edu](mailto:honorsprogram@uapb.edu) with an explanation of why you aren't able to attend the meeting.
- STEM Scholars will be reported absent to Dr. Annissa Buckner or Dr. Charles Colen for missed meetings.

- Excessive absences (4) will result in dismissal from the Honors Program
- Honors scholars will receive a warning prior to dismissal from the Program. If an Honors scholar is dismissed from the program for excessive absences, they may be reinstated on probationary basis.

**Membership Dues:**

Freshmen	\$35 one time or \$10 per year
Sophomores	\$20 for one-time
Juniors	\$15 for one-time
Seniors	\$10 for one-time

**All dues must be paid by September 29, 2023**

**Campus and Community Involvement.** Students must also participate in at least three campus or community service events per semester.

**Internship.** All Honors scholars are expected to secure an internship every year (paid or volunteer).

**Academic Honesty.** Academic Honesty as a Carolyn F. Blakely Honors Program student, you are expected to adhere to the highest standards of both academic honesty, as detailed in the current Undergraduate Bulletin, and student conduct, as discussed in the current Student Handbook. Students who do not comply with these standards may be dismissed from the Honors Program.

**Stay Connected.** Download the Remind and GroupMe apps. Additional details will be provided.

**Recognition at Graduation**

Students who are members of the Carolyn F. Blakely Honors Program at the time they graduate are recognized and honored in several ways. First, you will receive special recognition at our annual Senior Send-Off. Next, you will be recognized in the Commencement Bulletin for graduating from the Honors Program. Finally, all students graduating from the program will receive your honors cord at our Senior Send-Off to wear at Commencement. All Seniors must be actively participating in the Honors Program to receive their cords.

Please read all Carolyn F. Blakely Honors Program guidelines on this form before signing this contract.

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Interim Director Signature

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