who have demonstrated exceptional maturity, intellectual
competence, and imaginative curiosity. Senior Fellows work
on a ‘mega’ senior honors project that is somewhat akin to a
master’s thesis.

“Recently I attended a lecture at the University of
Richmond. A high point of the evening was meeting
a group of Honors Scholars from Hampden-Sydney and
their professor. If there were a finer group of young men
on this or any other planet, I have yet to meet them.
And it was nice to see a professor who obviously sees
 teaching as a true calling to touch the future.”
WALTER S. GRIGGS, JR.
Associate Dean, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Business

The Honors Program subsidizes cultural and social events
for Honors Scholars, such as trips to plays, concerts, and
lectures in Richmond, Washington, DC, at surrounding
women’s colleges, as well as at Hampden-Sydney. Honors
Scholars are often invited to attend picnics, lunches, and other
special events on campus, and to meet and dine with speakers
here. The Honors Council also sponsors lectures by visiting
scholars, often associated with the honors courses.

Special Housing
The Honors Program offers a housing option for a small
number of upperclassman Honors Scholars who wish to live
together in a special academic environment. The Honors
House also functions as a setting for various social functions,
including meetings, dinner gatherings, and picnics.

The Hampden-Sydney Man
The College is justifiably proud of the thousands of her
graduates who have enriched the business, professional,
political, and cultural life of Virginia and the Nation.

At Hampden-Sydney, a gentleman is foremost “a good
man and a good citizen.” All students agree to follow these
principles in their daily lives: the Hampden-Sydney man will
conduct himself like a gentleman at all times and in all places;
and the Hampden-Sydney man will not lie, cheat, or steal.
He is a man with an active and sensitive moral conscience;
he cultivates tolerance, civility, and respect for the dignity of all
people; he understands and accepts civic responsibility; and he
possesses seriousness of academic purpose. Hampden-Sydney
is a small and traditional community. When you enroll here,
you become a member of this community and an heir to its
traditions. As a first step toward integration into our community,
Honors Scholars receive a Hampden-Sydney bowtie.
FOR OVER 40 YEARS the Honors Program at Hampden-Sydney College has given men of talent the opportunity to pursue an education in an environment tailored to the way men learn best. The Program is designed for students who give evidence of intellectual curiosity, independence of thought, and excitement in learning. It is for the man who sparks the enthusiasm of fellow students and challenges the best in his teachers. The size of Hampden-Sydney and its excellent faculty provide the perfect environment for this multifaceted program, which includes academic rigor, independent research, and cultural enrichment. We are proud that one-fifth of the students at Hampden-Sydney hold Honors Scholarships and participate in this exciting program.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS
Entering students are eligible for three categories of Honors Scholarships. They are awarded on the basis of a student’s academic credentials from high school. Each scholarship provides a grant stipend. Additional funding beyond the stipend is possible through our regular financial aid program, which includes academic rigor, independent research, and cultural enrichment. We are proud that one-fifth of the students at Hampden-Sydney hold Honors Scholarships and participate in this exciting program.

THE VENABLE SCHOLARSHIP
Candidates with an SAT of 1400 (ACT of 32) or better and a class rank in the top 5% will be considered for this award of $30,000.

The Venable Scholarship is named for a family closely tied to the institution. When the Founders of Hampden-Sydney College gathered in 1775, they met in the law office of Nathaniel Venable, at his plantation Slate Hill, a few miles south of the campus. That small building was moved to the campus in 1944 and placed in the side yard of Atkinson Hall. It is now referred to as “The Birthplace” and is a listed landmark in our National Historic Preservation Zone. Descendants of the Venable family have helped the College prosper, since its founding.

Candidates with an SAT of 1350 (ACT 30) or better and a class rank in the top 10% will be considered for this award of $25,000.

The Patrick Henry Scholarship recalls the great American patriot who served on Hampden-Sydney’s first Board of Trustees and was five times Governor of Virginia. Henry lived in Prince Edward County as the College was being founded, and served it as a Trustee until his death in 1799.

Patrick Henry sent seven of his eight sons to Hampden-Sydney College.

CANDIDATES WITH AN SAT SCORE OF 1250 (ACT 28) OR BETTER AND A CLASS RANK IN THE TOP 15% WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS AWARD OF $20,000.

The Madison Scholarship honors James Madison, a charter Trustee of Hampden-Sydney, who is often called the most intellectual of America’s founding fathers. He encouraged the establishment of a liberal arts college on the Virginia frontier to assure the survival of civilization in the new country.

Candidates are identified after their freshman year at Hampden-Sydney, based on their grades. Madison Scholars are entitled to the same benefits, and bound by the same requirements, as other Honors Scholars. The scholarship stipend is $20,000.

THE COURSES
Honors Scholars have the opportunity, by invitation of the Honors Council, to enroll in special courses.

The Introductory Honors Seminar for freshmen is typically a year-long course jointly taught by two or more instructors from different divisions of the College. These seminars investigate interdisciplinary topics not otherwise covered by the general curriculum, and focus more on inquiry than coverage of material.

Honors Reading Seminars are one-semester one-credit courses taught by a single faculty member in which students read and discuss a single work of fiction or non-fiction. Honors reading seminars are intended for non-freshman Honors Scholars, but are open to any student with the instructor’s permission.

The Student Summer Research Program awards research grants and provides on-campus housing to students who show exceptional promise as independent researchers.

Department Honors Projects are a series of research or reading courses, tutorials, and independent study focused on a central theme and culminating in a Departmental (Senior) Honors Project in the student’s major or, if a student is pursuing a double major, in a cross-disciplinary project in both fields.

The Senior Fellowship Program provides a year-long program of independent interdisciplinary study—and freedom from certain major requirements—for outstanding students...