

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Rural Minority Health Scholars Program

First Term of Summer School

OBJECTIVES:

- Expose minority students to the field of medicine
- Increase the students awareness for the need of physicians in Rural Alabama
- Increase the number of minority students from rural Alabama who qualify for admissions to medical school through the Rural Medical Scholars Program

ELIGIBILITY:

- Currently in the 12th grade
- Reside in one of the Black belt counties
- Have a "B" average
- Earned at least a 22 ACT score (UA requires writing score)
The higher your ACT score, the more competitive you will be
- Resident of rural Alabama for more than 5 years

ACTIVITIES:

- Participate in field trips to small community and urban hospitals
- Attend seminars on health related professions
- Shadow an African American physician

COLLEGE CREDIT/COURSE WORK:

- Earn up to 4 hours of college credit
- Attend a General Chemistry or Biology course
- Attend a course on How to Adjust to College

APPLICATION:

- Application must be mailed by March 1
- Decision on applicants will be made by May 1
- Request an application from your high school counselor or visit the website www.cchs.ua.edu/crm/rural-health-programs/rmsp

Please submit all correspondence to the following address:

CYNTHIA MOORE, DIRECTOR
MINORITY RURAL HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

BOX 870327
TUSCALOOSA, AL 35487
VOICE: 205-348-3116
FAX: 205-348-7685
CMOORE@CCHS.UA.EDU



HOW TO APPLY TO THE RURAL MINORITY HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

1. Complete all sections of the attached application form. *Please print.*
2. **Two letters** of recommendations are required. Have two of the following persons to submit a recommendation for you:
 - Math, Science or English Teacher
 - Guidance Counselor
 - Principal or someone familiar with your academic performance.

The letters of recommendation should include their professional judgment of your prospects for being successful in a college environment.

3. Have your high school counselor submit a copy of your high school transcript, including scores on any ACT or SAT exams you have taken.

NOTE: YOU ARE ADMISSIBLE TO THE PROGRAM IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN THE 12TH GRADE AND HAVE TAKEN THE ACT AND EARNED A SCORE OF 22 OR SAT AND EARNED A SCORE OF 1000. THE HIGHER YOUR ACT OR SAT THE MORE COMPETITIVE YOU ARE.

4. **ESSAYS REQUIRED:** Please write three short essays answering the following questions.
 1. Why would I like to participate in the Rural Minority Health Scholars Program?
 2. What type of health care professional you would like to be and why?
 3. Why do I consider myself rural?

Please type your answers and limit them to one page each.

5. It is your responsibility to make sure your application and recommendations have been submitted on time with all the necessary materials. Make sure your name and the name of the person providing the recommendation is clearly printed on the recommendation.
6. All materials (including application, test scores, and recommendations) should be in one envelope and be postmarked on or before March 1. Mail to:

RMHSP
The University of Alabama
Box 870327
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

7. We will communicate further with you as your application is completed and the final selections for the Minority Rural Health Scholars are made. You should know your status by May 1.
8. If you have any questions about this application or program, please contact Cynthia Moore by phone at (205) 348-3116 or email cmoore@cchs.ua.edu; or Irene Wallace by phone at (205) 348-5892 or email iwallace@cchs.ua.edu.

Thank you for your interest!!



APPLICATION OF THE MINORITY RURAL HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

PERSONAL INFORMATION Please print or type neatly.

Full Legal Name: _____
Name you prefer to be called: _____
Email address (One checked often) _____
Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Phone (including area code) _____
Permanent Mailing Address _____
County you reside _____ Sex and Ethnic Background _____ Female _____ Male
_____ Black/African American _____ Asian/Pacific Islander _____ Hispanic/Latino _____ Native American _____ Other



EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School (include county) Current Grade _____ Graduation Date _____
Cumulative GPA _____ Test Scores: ACT _____ SAT other _____
Check which science course(s) you have taken:
_____ Biology _____ Chemistry _____ Physics _____ Anatomy and Physiology _____ Algebra I _____ Algebra II & Trig _____ Geometry
List all extra-curricular activities:



Parent's Information

Mother's and Father's Name _____
Address of Parents: (include city and state) _____
Did your mother or father attend a university or College?
• Mother _____yes _____no, if yes where _____ highest degree _____
• Father _____yes _____no, if yes where _____ highest degree _____



FUTURE PLANS:

Colleges or Universities to which you have applied or applying: circle ones you have received acceptance letters

I certify that the information submitted in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Please be sure to include your transcript and official test scores with your application.

Applicant's signature

date

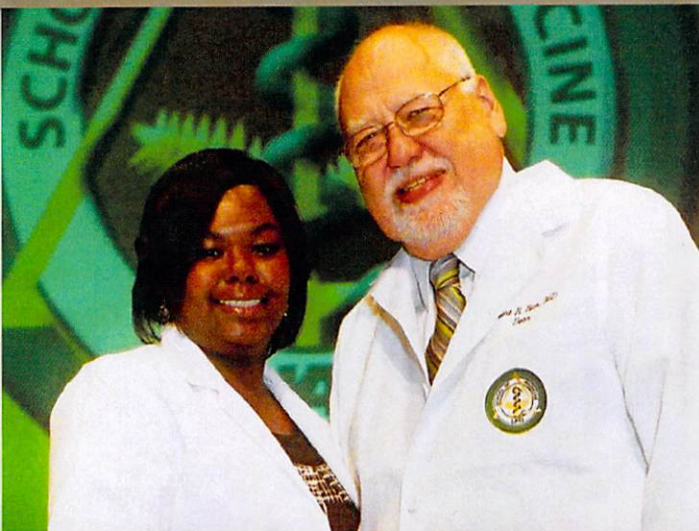
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Helping Alabama's rural students
return to their roots
as health professionals

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RURAL HEALTH

Rural Minority Health Scholars Program



Arnelya Cade, RHS 2004, RMHS 2005 3rd year Medical Student
University of Alabama School of Medicine

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **Rural Minority Health Scholars** program is a 5-week summer program for recent high school graduates who plan to enter college in the next academic year. Students spend five weeks on campus at The University of Alabama. They take college courses, attend tutorials and seminars, take field trips to rural health facilities, and shadow African-American physicians.

This program was initiated to increase the number of minority students from rural Alabama who qualify for admission to medical school through the Rural Medical Scholars Program.

QUALIFICATIONS

Rural Minority Health Scholars Program candidates must meet these requirements:

- BE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CURRENTLY
- HAVE A "B" AVERAGE [OVERALL 3.0 GPA]
- EARN A MINIMUM ACT SCORE OF 22; UA REQUIRES THE OPTIONAL WRITING PART OF ACT
- RESIDE IN RURAL ALABAMA AT LEAST 5 YEARS



"The Minority Rural Health Pipeline Program has been a gateway for minorities in rural Alabama to pursue their dreams of becoming healthcare professionals. Participants are exposed to various healthcare careers and are motivated to cultivate their interests. I am proud and grateful to be a product of MRHPP."



Carl Shamburger, D.M.D.



RURAL MINORITY HEALTH SCHOLARS

PROGRAM CONTENT

Students will take a college course for credit to help prepare them for careers in medicine. Also, they will participate in seminars, field trips and shadowing experiences.

PROGRAM COST

Tuition, room and meals will be provided at no cost to participants.

HOW TO APPLY

- Ask your high school counselor for an application. Submit it by March 1.
- Or download application from the website: <http://cchs.ua.edu/crm/rural-health-programs/rmsp/>
- Contact Cynthia Moore, Director, at cmoore@cchs.ua.edu or (205) 348-3116 to request an application by fax or mail.

Application deadline: March 1



Justin Freaney, RMHS 2007,
1st year medical student,
University of South Alabama
College of Medicine



Robert Williams, 2nd year
medical student Medical University of
South Carolina

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The **Rural Minority Health Scholars Program**

is one of several programs in the

Rural Health Leaders Pipeline. The pipeline is a sequence of programs at The University of Alabama set up to find and nurture Alabama's capable rural students who want to become primary care physicians and practice medicine in their hometowns or elsewhere in rural Alabama. These students are more likely than non-rural students to locate their medical practices in underserved areas after completing medical training in specialty-oriented urban medical centers.

The "**pipeline**" also includes these programs:

◆ **Rural Health Scholars Program**

for students who will complete the 11th grade in the current academic year.

◆ **Rural Medical Scholars Program**

for college seniors or graduate students from rural Alabama who are interested in becoming family doctors in rural Alabama.

For more information on the above programs:
<http://cchs.ua.edu/crm/rural-health-programs/>

"MRHPP (as you like to call it) allowed me to have my first glimpse at what would be the beginning of a long journey. I can remember receiving my invitation letter for the 1st summer and being so excited about an opportunity to develop lifelong learning skills and new relationships. MRHPP was truly a blessing to me in so many ways!"



**Dr. Anthony Nix, RMHS 2002,
Huntsville Family Medicine
Residency Program**

