

College of Community  
Health Sciences

December 11, 2015

Rural Scholars Program

Dear Counselor:



The Rural Scholars Program from the University of Alabama will host the *Rural Minority Health Scholars Program* (RMHSP) for the 12<sup>th</sup> year. Ten graduating seniors from across rural Alabama will have an opportunity participate in the program this summer. The ultimate goal of this program is to encourage students from rural areas to prepare for careers in the health professions. It is hoped that these students will return to rural communities as physicians, pharmacists, dentist, technicians, and other health professionals. Because we are confident you share an interest in this goal, and you are also interested in students from your community having maximum opportunities to work toward their personal goals, we are asking your help in identifying prospective participants for the 2016 program.

The purpose of this program is to give students from rural backgrounds that have an interest in the health care profession a head start in the college preparation they will need for admissions to professional programs. Participants will take one college course for credit and attend a seminar designed to help them succeed in college. We hope to encourage these students to retain an interest in the health care profession throughout their undergraduate enrollment, and to enhance their prospects for achieving competitive qualifications for entering professions and professional schools. Studies show that students with rural backgrounds are the most likely persons to return to rural communities after their post-high school training.

With you and others in rural communities helping us get the word to prospective students, we are confident we can identify and attract qualified students to these summer program. An application packet is enclosed. We hope you will give it to a student who might be well served by this program. (If additional applications are needed, please feel free to reproduce the forms or have prospects contact us directly. **Applications should be postmarked by March 1.**

In talking to a prospect, please point out that all expenses are covered. (Tuition, housing, books and that each person will be provided \$500 for a meal ticket). Dates for the program **are May 29-June 29** with an orientation on Sunday, May 29. We look forward to receiving the application of the students you select whom you think will be a great candidate for this program.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Moore*

Cynthia Moore  
Assistant Director Rural Scholars Programs  
Phone: (205) 348-3116  
E-mail: [cmoore@cchs.ua.edu](mailto:cmoore@cchs.ua.edu)

Enclosures: **REPRODUCE APPLICATION AS NEEDED**

College of Community  
Health Sciences

354 Nott Hall  
Box 870327  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487-0327  
(205) 348-3116  
FAX (205) 348-7685  
[www.cchs.ua.edu/rural\\_programs/RHLP](http://www.cchs.ua.edu/rural_programs/RHLP)

**Rural Minority Health Scholars Program**  
**Box 870327**  
**Tuscaloosa, AL 35487**

THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**ALABAMA**  
HEALTH SCIENCES

### **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](mailto:cmoore@cchs.ua.edu); or Irene Wallace by phone at (205) 348-5892 or email [iwallace@cchs.ua.edu](mailto: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

Current Grade 12th \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Test Score: ACT \_\_\_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_\_\_  
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

# 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](http://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](mailto:CMOORE@CCHS.UA.EDU)

