

Dear Career Coach,

With financial support from the State of Alabama Legislature and in partnership with the Family Practice Rural Health Board, The University of Alabama will be offering the **Rural Health and Dental Health Scholars Program** for current 11th-grade students from rural areas. The goal of this program is to expand access to quality health care in rural communities. Because we know you share this goal and want students in your community to have every opportunity to achieve their personal aspirations, we are asking for your help in identifying prospective participants.

The **Rural Health and Dental Health Scholars Program** provides thirty high school juniors from rural backgrounds—who are interested in becoming health professionals—an early start in preparing for college and health professional school. The program encourages students to remain committed to health careers throughout their undergraduate studies while strengthening their qualifications for competitive admission to medical and other health professional programs. Research shows that students from rural areas are most likely to return as practicing health professionals serving rural populations.

With your support in spreading the word, we are confident we can identify and attract highly qualified students to this important program. Enclosed you will find a flyer with additional details. Students may access the application through our website at cchs.ua.edu/ruralprograms.

When speaking with students, please let them know that the program covers tuition, books, and housing, provides a \$500 meal allowance, and offers the opportunity to earn up to seven hours of college credit. In every way, this program is designed to help students reach their fullest potential.

I would be glad to visit and talk with your students about these opportunities. Please feel free to email me at cmoore@ua.edu or call **205-348-3116** if you would like me to come and speak with them.

Sincerely,



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RURAL HEALTH & DENTAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

MAY 24 TO JUNE 26, 2026

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A five-week program designed to expose rural high school students to the field of medicine, dentistry, and other health professions. The program was initiated in 1993 because of the shortage of family doctors in rural Alabama. We partnered in 2023 with the Alabama Board of Dental Scholars because of the shortage of dentist in rural Alabama.

REQUIREMENTS

- Junior in a rural High School during the 2025-26 school year
- Have a "B" average or a 3.0 Grade Point Average
- 21 ACT or 1800 SAT (recommended but not required)
- Grew up in a rural Alabama community for more than five years.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Live on campus in UA residential housing
- Enroll and attend two College courses
 - EN 200-Introduction to Creative Writing and CH104-Introductory Chemistry
- Attend weekly seminars on health-related topics and careers
- Participate in field trips to rural health care facilities
- Dual credit opportunity with UA Early College

COST

The program pays for tuition, housing, books and provides a meal allowance of \$500.

Apply Today!

Visit cchs.ua.edu/rhs or scan the QR code for an application.



Application deadline: March 15, 2026

Selected scholars will be contacted by April 30, 2026