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:

- **Black Belt Health Scholars Program**
  for 9th or 10th graders who live in Hale, Marengo, and Perry counties.

- **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 above programs, visit [http://cchs.ua.edu/crm/rural-health-leaders-pipeline](http://cchs.ua.edu/crm/rural-health-leaders-pipeline)
Rural Minority Health Scholars Program

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, make 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 (See back panel).

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 21; UA requires the optional writing part of ACT.
• Reside in rural Alabama at least 5 years.

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 15.
• Or download application from the website: http://cchs.ua.edu/CRM/rural-health-leaders-pipeline/
• Contact Cynthia Moore, Director, at cmoore@cchs.ua.edu or (205) 348-3116 to request an application by fax or mail.

Application deadline: March 15

“This [shadowing] was such a great experience. I would do it longer if I only had the time. I cannot wait until I can go into a doctor’s office as Dr. Ruffin. I know for certain this is the type of setting in which I want to work.”

-Cedric Ruffin
Rural Minority Health Scholar 2004