



Summer Apprenticeship Program Forestry, Fire, Ecology, and Wildlife at Alabama A&M University



June 4 - June 30, 2023

APPLICATION DEADLINE = April 15, 2023

1. What is the Summer Apprenticeship Program?

This program is for high school students and college freshman and sophomores who have chosen or are considering Forestry as a major AND have been accepted by Alabama A&M University. Participants will gain first-hand experience in research and management activities and learn about career opportunities in forestry, fire, wildlife, ecology, and other related sciences. Experience or knowledge of natural resource sciences or management is not a requirement but will be a consideration in the determination of a student project. Students should have an interest in one or more of the following areas: forestry, fire science, wildlife, and ecology. Visit the [Alabama A&M website](#) for information on available degrees.

2. Can I sign my application electronically and send it by email?

Yes!

3. How will students be selected?

A panel of university professors, administrators, and federal government officials will select top high school graduating students, college freshman, and sophomores, who have been accepted by the University based upon the following:

- Grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 as verified by current transcript.
- Genuine interest in forestry, fire, ecology, and other related sciences as expressed in the 250-word essay.
- Extracurricular activities, as stated on the application.
- Recommendation from your high school counselor or college professor.
- Verification that the student has been accepted to AAMU and has selected Forestry as an intended major.

4. What work will I do, and where will I be working?

Students will take part in classroom activities, will work in research laboratories and in the field, and will participate in field trips to natural areas and production sites.

5. Where will I live? Where do I eat?

Students selected for the program will live in a dormitory on the campus of Alabama A&M University and receive a meal card for the duration of the stay. The meal card is redeemable at the on-campus cafeteria for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the duration of the program. Dorm check-in, meal card distribution, and program orientation will be on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 pm Central time.

6. With whom will I be working?

Each student will work with a research scientist, a mentor, and will develop a project requiring a write-up and an oral presentation. These mentors have an interest in young people and are willing to devote time to helping them develop an understanding of research and management in forestry and other natural resource fields.

7. When will I know if I have been selected for the program?

Candidates are notified, by email, as soon as all the required information has been verified. Upon notification of selection, you must reply by email indicating whether you accept the Summer Apprenticeship position no later than the deadline date on the acceptance form. If you do not respond by email, you will not be allowed to participate. You must also have the consent of your parent or legal guardian.

8. What will the program cost me?

You will pay for travel to and from the Alabama A&M campus and any special activity fees (i.e., trips to the Space and Rocket Center or amusement parks) and incidental expenses—clothes, dorm linens, and extracurricular activities after hours and on weekends.

9. Will I receive pay for the summer program participation?

Each student selected for the program will receive a stipend check of \$1,000 from Alabama A&M University. The student will receive the stipend check following the successful completion of the program. In addition, the following expenses will be covered throughout the duration of the program:

- Housing in a campus dormitory
- Meals on campus
- Travel to program field trips and site visits
- Books, supplies, and equipment related to student projects.

10. What will I need to bring with me when I report to campus?

To receive pay for attending apprenticeship classes and working on student projects, you must bring the following:

- Original social security card
- Copy of birth certificate
- Recent identification card with your picture (such as a driver's license, school ID, or other.)

11. Are there any items I should NOT bring to campus?

- Microwave ovens
- Refrigerators
- Hot plates
- Window air conditioning units (fans are acceptable)

12. If my high school graduation is after the first week of June, can I still participate?

Because of the program structure, if you cannot begin on the date specified, you will not be able to participate.

13. Who should I contact for more information or questions?

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Last Name:

First Name:

Email:

Address:

Delivery Address if different than your mailing address (no P.O. Boxes):

Cell Phone:

Date of Birth:

Social Security Number:

High School or University in which you are currently enrolled or graduating from:

City:

State:

Expected Graduation Date:

From High School or AAMU:

GPA:

SAT Score:

or

ACT Score:

Have you been accepted to AAMU? If not, have you applied to AAMU?

Is your Anticipated Major Forestry?

My first semester at AAMU will be:

Year:

Extracurricular Activities such as Honor Society, FFA, 4-H Club, Sports, SGA, or others:

List two references to which we may inquire about your college possibilities and capabilities. This should be individual unrelated to you, such as teachers, counselors, or others:

Career Objectives: Attach a 250-word essay to this application. Describe your career goals in forestry, fire, ecology, and, or other related sciences and the experiences and, or observations that support your career choice.

I have attached will include my essay with this application.



"A School Dedicated to You and Your Future"

Contact: Stephanie Love,

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