



# *The* RURAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (CAES)

**RURAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM** recognizes the duty of our college to promote a student population that reflects the diversity of the entire state. This program aims to increase rural student involvement by eliminating financial obstacles and providing world-class opportunities to students.

**Candidates must be incoming, first-year University of Georgia students from one of Georgia's rural communities.** The successful candidate has excelled academically, shown strong leadership abilities, has a record of community service, and seeks a degree in CAES.

The Rural Scholars Program is rooted in our CAES family atmosphere. Scholars are provided support, guidance and experiential learning opportunities. Scholars also have access to transformative programs like **Thrive at Georgia**.

Scholars are eligible to participate in UGA's **ALL Georgia Program** opportunities. Created in 2018, the ALL Georgia Program provides resources and support for students from rural areas. These resources include academic support and tutoring, networking, social activities throughout campus, and mentorship opportunities that will enhance CAES students' experience and success.

The program will welcome a cohort of new students each year. Each eligible Rural Scholar will receive a renewable academic scholarship of \$7,000 annually for four years. This scholarship will alleviate financial obstacles such as tuition, housing, meal plan, books and transportation.

*"Having come from a small town, I like the idea of being a part of a small college within a large university. I am looking forward to becoming involved in CAES and finding my place in the UGA community."*

*—Mary Anne McCord, Biological Science*

*"I am most excited for the benefits that come with the Rural Scholars program. For me, it's not just about the money, it is about the experiences, the study abroad options, and the unique opportunities that I will gain. It gives me that extra bit of hope that there is something out there that is meant for me."*

*—Aubrey Fraser-Tarpley, Animal Health*

*"I am very excited about the opportunity to be a CAES Rural Scholar. What I am most excited about is the ability to show my hometown community all of the huge opportunities that are in agricultural studies. I can't wait to see everything that the college has to offer and to get involved in clubs and leadership opportunities on campus."*

*—Gracie Grimes, Animal Science*

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