



**TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY**

*The College of Agriculture,
Human and Natural Sciences*

**Summer
Apprenticeship
Program**

TSU

*“Rapidly advancing agriculture
through knowledge, leadership
and opportunity.”*

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SUMMER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM:

- A. The College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences seeks to make students aware of its academic programs and many career opportunities available to its graduates by increasing enrollment with students who are interested in attending Tennessee State University and pursuing a degree in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences or Family and Consumer Sciences.
- B. The program's main goals are to:
1. stimulate interest in careers related to agricultural, consumer, and environmental sciences; cooperative extension and agricultural research;
 2. provide greater awareness and information concerning financial assistance;
 3. offer a positive avenue for youth to spend a portion of their summer in experiential learning;
 4. afford high school students and recent graduates the opportunity to learn basic and advanced technologies essential for environmental caretaking at the local, state, national, and global levels;
 5. build a network of university and high school faculty and staff to promote Tennessee State University as a destination for the higher education of promising high school graduates.

II. OVERVIEW OF THIS PROGRAM:

A. Participants

Up to sixteen (16) students, (immediate high school graduates or rising seniors), will be competitively selected to participate as Summer Apprentices.

B. Program Duration

The Apprenticeship Program will run for four (4) weeks during the month of June.

C. Program Benefits

Program participants will –

1. Be chaperoned by an upper division undergraduate or graduate students
2. Be provided on-campus housing
3. Be provided a university meal plan (three meals per day M-F, and two meals on Saturdays and Sundays)
4. Be awarded a stipend of \$1,000.00

D. Daily Activities

Monday – Thursday

1. Each student will be assigned to work and study with a senior faculty member in the departments of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences or Family and Consumer Sciences.
2. Each student will be assigned and expected to complete a research project to include data collection, analysis, and presentation and discussion of facts and conclusions.
3. Participate in planned educational, cultural and recreational activities.

Friday

Group activities to include educational field trips and cultural tours of interests;

Saturday – Sunday

Structured group recreational activities sponsored by faculty and staff.

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUMMER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM?

Eligible applicants must be:

U.S. Citizens

Requirements for the Summer Apprenticeship Program

JUNIOR

- Must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Please be reminded, selections are limited, therefore a GPA of 3.0 or above will be given preference.
- Provide two letters of recommendation from teacher/counselor or community leader
- Must be willing/able to participate in all Program activities (no outside jobs allowed)
- Must complete, sign and submit a copy of the Program Application by deadline

SENIOR

- Must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA or 19 ACT (900 SAT). Please be reminded, selections are limited, therefore a 21 ACT (980 SAT), or overall weighted minimum 3.0 GPA will be given preference.
- By projected high school graduation date, must meet Admissions Unit requirements for Tennessee State University (TSU)
- Must have applied for admission to TSU
- Must be willing to consider pursuing a degree in an area of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences or Family and Consumer Sciences
- Provide two letters of recommendation from teacher/counselor or community leader
- Must be willing to participate in all Program activities (no outside jobs allowed)
- Must complete, sign and submit a copy of the Program Application by deadline

Return Application by March 15 to:

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