

Benefits of the Leadership Program:

Career

- Gain experience in your future career field or area of passion
- On the job work experience in a rural NC county
- Career advancement opportunities through internship work and networking
- Support through paid internships and coaching

Rural Community

- Connect with other Golden LEAF scholars from rural NC on the challenges and opportunities of rural NC life and change
- Network with a community of supportive adults, coaches, and community members that believe in the power of college students to change the world
- Contribute to a positive change in rural NC

Personal

- Focus on student ideas & involvement: You choose your internship
- Gain the ability to set personal goals and assert your mission
- Build communication and leadership skills, which are highly sought after in the workplace, from one of the top leadership development companies in the world

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Opening Leadership Conference

Scholars from across the state will come together for an expense-paid two-day leadership conference in the Piedmont Triad. This conference will encompass a series of interactive workshops covering key leadership skills such as communication, values and ethics, working in teams, and personal vision. Scholars will work towards developing a vision for their summer internship, in addition to creating a firm leadership foundation to carry them through the remainder of college, career, and life. Scholars will also learn more about the Golden LEAF Foundation and its role in transforming North Carolina's economy and the strengths and challenges of working, living, and leading in rural NC.



Coaching



Each freshman and sophomore Golden LEAF scholar will be assigned a coach for the eight-month duration of the program. Coaches are selected through an application process, care about young people, and have experience mentoring or coaching young people or business leaders. They receive specialized training and ongoing support and are personally selected to be a part of the program for their passion and commitment to helping others. Coaches are used at various levels throughout CCL leadership programs to assist participants in setting goals and processing their experiences. In the Golden LEAF Scholars Leadership

Program, they will help scholars develop and implement goals related to the summer internship project, academic, and career goals through attendance and interaction at conferences and monthly phone calls.

Summer Internship Project in a Rural NC county

During the freshman through junior year summer, each scholar will engage in an internship in a rural NC county. The goal is for each scholar to gain real world experience in work that speaks to their passions and furthers their career goals. The internship plan will be developed with the help of their personal coach at the end of the Leadership Conference. **Each scholar can receive up to \$8,830 over the life of the program. This is in addition to the Golden LEAF Scholarship funds.**

Closing Leadership Retreat

In September, Golden LEAF scholars will reconvene in the Piedmont Triad for a two-day leadership retreat to wrap up this experience and plan for the upcoming school year. Scholars will present their summer experiences and contributions they made in rural NC to the community of Golden LEAF scholars, coaches, and program staff. The focus is to process key components of internship success and to highlight their awakening awareness of rural NC communities' needs and possibilities.



{ **FUN** **Life Changing** }
Challenging

Quotes from scholars