

## Beyond the classroom, the TGSAS scholars typical activities:

- ◆ Ice Breaker Cookout and Games
- ◆ Life Lessons by Ms. Lisa Smartt (4 sessions)
- ◆ Overnight field trip to Nashville, Knoxville & Memphis
- ◆ Tour of the TN State Capitol
- ◆ Tours of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and Neyland Stadium
- ◆ Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation Headquarters tour & complimentary breakfast
- ◆ Tennessee Department of Agriculture and Museum facilities tour
- ◆ Tour of Yeargin Farms including a steak dinner sponsored by the TN Soybean Council
- ◆ Pictsweet tour
- ◆ Tosh Farm swine facility tour
- ◆ Tyson Food facility tour and complimentary lunch
- ◆ Green Plains Ethanol Plant GSP trip
- ◆ Sweetwater Valley Farm tour
- ◆ Trip to Agricenter International, Duck's Unlimited headquarters, and Bayer Research Lab
- ◆ Rolling Hill Putt Putt Golf (last night trip)



Tennessee Farm Bureau Headquarters



Fishing at Middle TN UT Ag Research Institute of AG

Precision Agriculture



Tour of Neyland Stadium & Locker Room  
Vet Science working goats



Precision Agriculture



State Capital with Governor Bill Lee, State Representative Tandy Darby and TN Farm Bureau President Mr. Eric Mayberry

## Frequently Asked Questions

- ◆ **What are the dates?** June 1 - June 27, 2025
- ◆ **How do I apply?** Applications are sent to TN high schools in early fall. Qualified students should request an application from a guidance counselor. Applications can also be found on the TGSAS website <https://www.utm.edu/offices-and-services/the-tennessee-governor-school-for-the-agricultural-sciences/> after October 1, 2024. (They will be posted as soon as released from the state)
- ◆ **What are the prerequisites?** Students currently in grades 10 or 11 are eligible to apply. They **must** have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, demonstrate an active interest in the agricultural sciences, and earn ACT or other standardized test scores indicating the student's ability to succeed at the college level.
- ◆ **What is the application deadline?** Applications **must be submitted no later than December 6, 2024. Letters of acceptance are mailed by March 7, 2025.**
- ◆ **How much does it cost?** **Nothing, it's free!** All TGSAS expenses including tuition, housing, meals, books, and trips are funded by the Tennessee Departments of Education and Agriculture. Travel expenses to and from Martin and personal items are the only monetary responsibilities of the students.
- ◆ **Are there any obligations?** Students and a parent or guardian must sign an agreement to comply with TGSAS rules and to return forms and all requests for information within the stated deadlines. Parental or guardian cooperation is essential for TGSAS to operate efficiently and for scholars to get the full benefit of the program.
- ◆ **How are students selected?** Applications must be **complete** and are judged on a weighted point system based on academic performance, teacher recommendations, personal resume, interpersonal skills, quality of two essays, an interest indicative of agriculture, and traits such as maturity and initiative. **Incomplete or late applications may be discarded at the discretion of the selection committee.**

## What is the Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences (TGSAS)?

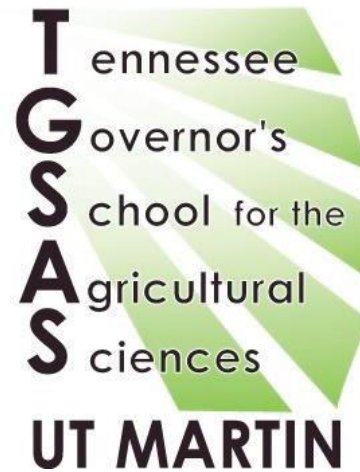
TGSAS is a four-week college experience for rising high school juniors and seniors. Scholars are exposed to various aspects of agriculture and natural resources both in the classroom, and through opportunities for hands on learning both on and off campus at the University of Tennessee Martin. Classes are taught by Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources (AGN) faculty. Scholars take one college credit class (3 hours) and select a Group Study Project (GSP) including possible choices of Precision Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Natural Resources Management, or Agricultural Business

Scholars stay on campus in a UTM dormitory or in a system approved hotel during chaperoned and supervised overnight field trips. All meals are provided either in the UTM cafeteria or the scholars are given a per diem for meals off campus. Tuition, books, and transportation for activities and field trips are provided too. Supervision is provided at all times by faculty, staff and six experienced counselors.

## AGRICULTURE = Cows, Sows, Plows & DRONES!



**TGSAS scholars learned first-hand about Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) technology.**



### Our Mission:

*The Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences will offer a unique learning experience to high school students to inspire their interest in agriculture and natural resources by providing classes and hands on learning opportunities in the University setting.*

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## Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences

**June 1 - June 27, 2025**



### Governor School Scholars Class of 2024

For additional information visit our website:  
<http://www.utm.edu/departments/tgsas>

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