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Foresters for the Future Scholarship Application Period Open Through June 13

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM), is excited to announce that applications for the Foresters for the Future scholarship are now being accepted.

The scholarship will provide \$4,000 per semester, for four years, to an incoming freshman pursuing a forestry degree at UAM's College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. The application deadline is June 13. Interested students can find more information and apply [here](#).

"Arkansas forest industries contribute over \$6.1 billion to the state's economy each year, making Arkansas the most forestry dependent of all the southern states," said State Forester Kyle Cunningham. "This scholarship provides a wonderful opportunity for students to obtain the education and training necessary to support such an impactful industry within the state."

Established by Act 399 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly, the scholarship aims to encourage students to pursue forestry as a career path. Through this initiative, UAM and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture hope to inspire the next generation of forestry professionals.

"This scholarship is a tremendous opportunity for our students," said Dr. Michael Blazier, Dean of the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources and Director of the Arkansas Forest Resources Center. "Not only does it provide substantial financial aid to help them study for a career in forestry, but they also get a wide range of internship options for on-the-job learning with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division."

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