PLUS Retention Program

The purpose of the PLUS Retention Program is to provide academic and social support to assist PLUS program participants as they pursue their undergraduate studies at Auburn University. The program will offer a learning community that provides peer mentoring, leadership opportunities and training, time management and study skills, tutoring and counseling services, and an opportunity to enroll together in a series of classes throughout the freshman and sophomore years. The PLUS Retention Program works closely with campus, administrative offices, academic units, student organizations, and other retention programs to ensure that PLUS program participants succeed at Auburn University. The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs is responsible for coordinating the program.

Ever to Conquer Scholarship recipients and Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship recipients will also participate in the PLUS Retention Program activities.

Structure of the Program

**Peer Mentoring:** Undergraduate Junior and Senior PLUS program participants will serve as peer mentors for freshman and sophomore participants. Participants will meet their mentors regularly each week.

**Leadership Training:** PLUS program participants will be required to join a student organization and attend their meetings regularly. They will also be required to attend leadership seminars.

**College Survival Skills:** Participants will attend workshops that provide necessary skills for students to be successful in college. These skills include time management and study skills.

**Study and Tutoring Sessions:** Participants will be required to participate in study and tutoring sessions in their colleges and/or the Student Success Center for at least five hours a week. These study and tutoring sessions are tracked by the PLUS coordinator.

**Counseling Services:** PLUS program participants will receive continuous counseling by the PLUS coordinator and other campus counseling services during their undergraduate training at Auburn University.

**NOTE:** Program participants who fail to fully participate will have their scholarship terminated at the end of the semester.