About the Goodnight Scholars Program:

The Goodnight Scholars Program was established in 2008 out of the philanthropic generosity from North Carolina natives and NC State alumni Dr. Jim Goodnight, co-founder of global business analytic software leader, SAS Institute, and Mrs. Ann Goodnight, director of community relations at SAS Institute.

The Goodnight Scholars Program is targeted at North Carolina residents from middle-income families who aspire to study in a science, technology, education, mathematics or STEM-related education discipline at NC State. Students accepted into the program receive an annual scholarship valued at $17,500 per year for up to four years ($70,000 total).

Since its humble beginnings, the Goodnight Scholars Program has evolved into a comprehensive student development program focused on cultivating professional and personal skills for 200 current Goodnight Scholars through a series of programming initiatives. Goodnight Scholars receive insight and support from local and national STEM industry leaders and entrepreneurs; participate in professional development workshops; and engage in local, national, and international outreach efforts including STEM education outreach to North Carolina schools and service trips to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Per the program’s website, each programming initiative sponsored by the Goodnight Scholars Program strives to “…develop critical skills and habits necessary for academic achievement; expose and educate students to current trends and advancement in the STEM and education industries; and establish strong personal and/or professional relationships with fellow Goodnight Scholars, NC State faculty/staff, NC State alumni, and STEM/education professionals.”

You can learn more about the Goodnight Scholars Program by visiting goodnight.ncsu.edu or Facebook.com/GoodnightScholars.