



USDA/1890 NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program provides full tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books, use of a laptop, printer, and software while on scholarship and room and board each year to students pursuing a bachelor's degree at the following universities (up to 4 years):

- Alabama A&M University
- Alcorn State University, Mississippi
- Delaware State University
- Florida A&M University
- Fort Valley State University, Georgia
- Kentucky State University
- Langston University, Oklahoma
- Lincoln University, Missouri
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Prairie View A&M University, Texas
- South Carolina State University
- Southern University, Louisiana
- Tennessee State University
- Tuskegee University, Alabama
- University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff
- University of Maryland - Eastern Shore
- Virginia State University
- West Virginia State University

PURPOSE

The purpose of the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program is to:

- strengthen the long-term partnership between USDA and the 1890 Land Grant Universities
- increase the number of students studying agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or other related disciplines
- offer career opportunities to USDA/1890 National Scholars at the U.S. Department of Agriculture

OBJECTIVE

The National Scholars Program offers scholarships to U.S. citizens who are seeking a bachelor's degree at one of the eighteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions in any field of study in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or other related disciplines. National Scholars are required to study in the following or related disciplines:

- Agriculture
- Agricultural Business/Management
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Engineering/Mechanics
- Agricultural Production and Technology
- Agronomy or Crop Science
- Animal Sciences
- Botany
- Farm and Range Management
- Fish, Game, or Wildlife Management
- Food Sciences/Technology
- Forestry and Related Sciences
- Home Economics/Nutrition/Human Development
- Horticulture
- Natural Resources Management
- Soil Conservation/Soil Science
- Other related disciplines, (e.g., non-medical biological sciences, pre-veterinary medicine, computer science)

AWARD

Scholarships are awarded annually and must be used at one of the eighteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions. Each award provides annual tuition, employment, employee benefits, and use of a laptop computer, printer and software while on scholarship, fees, books, room and board for each of the 4 academic years, plus a requirement to work in the Student Educational Employment Program. Each annual scholarship renewal is contingent upon satisfactory performance and normal progress toward the bachelor's degree. Upon completion of the scholar's academic degree program, there is an obligation of 1 year of service to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for each year of financial support.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants interested in the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program scholarship may apply under two different components—high school senior or current college/university students. All applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Submit current official transcript with the school seal and an authorized official's signature (preferably through the most recent fall semester)
- Be interested in attending one of the eighteen, 1890 Land-Grant Universities
- Intend to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related disciplines
- Demonstrate leadership and community service
- Submit signed applications (original signature only)

In addition to the eligibility criteria above, applicants must also adhere to the eligibility requirements below for the applicable component they wish to be considered.

1. High School Senior Component Applicants Must:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Expect to hold a high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate
- Have a combined verbal/math/written score of 1,500 or more on the SAT
- (note: 1000 or more combined for those universities that only accept verbal/math score) or a composite score of 21 or more on the ACT;
- Intend to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related disciplines

2. Current College/University Component Applicants Must:

- Submit a Current Resume
- Submit two letters of recommendation from the following:
 1. Department Head, Dean of College, or one of the University Vice Presidents
 2. College Professor who has taught the student
- Submit a 500-800 word essay describing 1) your interest in USDA 2) how you envision the scholarship will impact you and your future as a public servant, and 3) your experience and perceptions about agriculture, food, and natural resource sciences

Academic Majors Available at TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (B.S.) with concentrations in:

Agribusiness
Agricultural Education
Animal Science/Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Applied Geospatial Information Systems
Food Technology
Plant and Soil Science

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (B.S.) with concentrations in:

Food and Nutrition
Food Service Management
Family and Consumer Sciences Education

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Note: Application is available online at <http://www.ascr.usda.gov/1890programs.html>