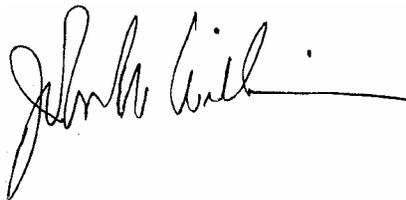


For: FSA Employees

Announcing the FY 2006 USDA 1890 National Scholars Program

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management



1 Overview

A Program Announcement

Secretary Mike Johanns has announced that applications are being accepted for the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program for the academic year beginning September 2006.

B Purpose

This notice announces the FY 2006 USDA 1890 National Scholars Program.

C Program Purpose

The program is to:

- strengthen the long-term partnership between FSA and 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant institutions
- increase the number of students studying agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related disciplines
- offer career opportunities to the USDA 1890 national scholars in FSA.

Note: Scholars who satisfactorily complete the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program and meet all requirements may be appointed into career-conditional positions.

Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2006	All FSA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

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1 Overview (Continued)

D Questions

For more information on the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program, visit <http://1890Scholars.Program.USDA.gov> or contact either of the following.

National Program Coordinator	State Program Coordinator
C. Mondina Jolley FSA, HRD, DOB 202-418-8992	Vera Byers FSA, KC-HRO 816-926-1710

E Award Information

Scholarships are awarded annually and must be used at 1 of the eighteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant institutions. Each award provides full tuition, fees, books, employment with employee benefits, and use of a personal computer with software for each of the 4 years scholars are pursuing a bachelor's degree. The institutions provide scholarship recipients with room and board for each of the 4 academic years.

Note: Each annual scholarship renewal is contingent on 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 FSA for each year of financial support.

2 Requesting Scholars

A Number of FY 2006 Scholars

FSA expects to award 2 USDA 1890 national scholarships in FY 2006.

B Requesting Scholars

To request a scholar contact Mondina Jolley at 202-418-8992.

Note: While the scholar is a student, FSA offices are not held accountable for a full-time equivalent (FTE). When converting the student to a permanent appointment after graduation, offices shall use an FTE slot from their existing FTE ceiling.

3 Scholar Nomination Process

A Nominee Qualifications

Nominees must:

- be U.S. citizens
- be entering as freshmen
- hold a high school or general equivalency diploma
- have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or better
- have a combined verbal and math score of 1,500 or more on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or a composite score of 21 or more on the American College Test
- attend 1 of the eighteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant institutions
- study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related disciplines
- demonstrate leadership and community service
- apply for admission to an 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant institutions of his or her choice
- submit an official transcript with the school's seal and an authorized official's signature
- sign all applications (original signature only).

3 Scholar Nomination Process (Continued)

B Eligible Scholarship Majors

USDA 1890 national scholars are required to major in 1 of the following related disciplines:

- agriculture
- agricultural business/management
- agricultural economics
- other related disciplines, such as:
 - computer science
 - business administration
 - finance
 - accounting.

C Nomination Procedure and Deadline

All application materials must be:

- submitted to **each** of the institutions the applicant has selected to attend for the 2006 academic year
- postmarked by **January 15, 2006**.

Note: Applications are available online at <http://1890Scholars.Program.USDA.gov>.