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## United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Student Employment and Scholarship Programs



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

### Student Educational Employment Program

USDA employs students throughout the year under the Federal Student Educational Employment Program. The program provides either temporary employment for up to 1-year, or career-related employment under the Career Experience Component (formerly referred to as the Co-op Program). Positions may lead to permanent status after completion of a student's education. For additional information contact the agency in which the student wishes to work or the USDA Student Program Manager at (202) 720-6104.



### Student Volunteer Program

USDA provides unpaid internships as part of the Federal Student Volunteer Program. Volunteer positions may be made at any-time with only a letter of understanding between USDA and a student's college or university. For additional information contact the agency in which the student wishes to work or the USDA Student Program Manager at (202) 720-6104.

### Earth Team Volunteers

As an Earth Team Volunteer you can help protect our soil and water resources and improve our environment. As a volunteer you can build work experience in areas as diverse as natural resource planning, engineering, computer application, administrative/clerical, and client relations. You will have hands-on experience working to protect the natural resources in our area. Volunteers must be 14 years of age.



### USDA Summer Intern Program

USDA agencies offer paid summer internships involving substantive work assignments to college students, or to high school graduates who have been accepted by a college as part of the Summer Intern Program. For additional information contact the agency with whom the student wishes to work or the USDA Summer Intern Program Manager at (202) 720-6104.

### **Saul T. Wilson, Jr. Scholarship Program**

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS), provides financial assistance for students in Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. The Saul T. Wilson, Jr. scholarship program provides up to \$5,000 per year for undergraduate studies and up to \$10,000 per year at the graduate level. In addition, mentoring, paid study-related work experience, and possible employment upon graduation are provided. Upon graduation the student must become a full-time agency employee for at least 1 calendar year for each school year that the student was covered by the Wilson scholarship. Students eligible to apply must be attending accredited colleges or universities within the continental United States who have completed at least two years of a 4-year pre-veterinary medicine or other biomedical science curriculum and prior to beginning the second year of studies toward a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree. The student must remain in good academic standing. Applications are accepted through March 1 for the upcoming Fall semester.



### **William F. Helms Scholarship Program**

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection & Quarantine (PPQ), provides financial aid (up to \$5,000 annually) to students who are pursuing a degree through the William F. Helms Scholarship program. In addition, they provide tutoring assistance, mentoring, paid work experience during school breaks, career exploration, and possible employment upon graduation for scholarship recipients. Sophomores and juniors attending accredited colleges or universities who are enrolled in programs related to agriculture or the biological sciences are eligible to apply. The student must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average. Applications are accepted through March 1 for the upcoming fall semester.



### **HACU Internship Program**

Each summer USDA participates in the 10-week paid Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Internship Program. The program provides college students from institutions with significant number of Hispanic students the opportunity to explore a potential Federal Service Career. Applicants are active in college and community activities, possess a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above, and are recommended by their advisors or professors. For additional information call HACU at (202) 833-8361.

### **Internships for Native American Students**

USDA participates in the Washington Internships for Native American Students (WINS) program. WINS is a distinctive paid 10-week learning experience for future Native American Leaders. Bonafide Alaska Native American or other Native American college students who will be sophomores or juniors as of May and who have a Grade Point Average of 2.5 or above are eligible for the program. For additional information contact the Office of Human Resources Management Native American Program Manager at (202) 720-6104.



### **USDA 1890 National Scholars Program**

Each year USDA provides 34 full 4-year scholarships to any of the 17 historically Black 1890 Institutions as part of the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program. The scholarship program is open to students completing their senior year of high school, who score a minimum of 1000 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, or a score of 21 or higher on the American College Testing examination. Candidates must also have a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better. Scholars must major in agricultural related fields, food or natural sciences, or other allied disciplines such as computer science, pre-veterinary medicine, and biological sciences. The application deadline is January 15 of each year.

### **USDA Woodrow Wilson Fellowship**

The USDA Woodrow Wilson Fellowship selects between eight and ten USDA 1890 National scholars annually for support through a summer enrichment program. Besides being a USDA 1890 National Scholar, eligibility requirements include: completion of the sophomore year; agreement to perform 1-year of USDA service for 1-year of financial aid; pursuit of a course of study consistent with the sponsoring agency's areas of interest; successful completion of all required summer institutes, and maintenance of a 3.0 Grade Point Average or better throughout the scholarship/fellowship period.



For additional information on the 1890 Scholars and Woodrow Wilson Fellowship you may access the USDA 1890 Internet site at: <http://1890scholars.program.usda.gov> or write to USDA, NRCS, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705, Attn: USDA 1890 National Scholars Program Manager.

