
USDA/1890 National Scholars Program Overview

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=scholarship_programs.xml&contentidonly=true

The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program is a partnership between of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the eighteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities. The program awards scholarships to students attending one of the 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities, pursuing a bachelor's degree in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or related academic disciplines, and willing to work full-time with the USDA upon graduation. The eighteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities are as follows:

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 Central State University

Objective

The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program offers scholarships to U.S. citizens that 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.

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

The 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 academic years the scholarship is awarded, 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

The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program Scholarship is available to high school seniors entering their freshman year of college and rising college sophomores and juniors. Be a U.S. citizen; Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale); Be interested in attending one of the eighteen 1890 Land-Grant Universities; Intend to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related areas; Demonstrate leadership and community service Have a combined verbal/mat/written score of 1,500 or more on the SAT (note: 1,000 or more combined for those universities that only accept verbal/math score) or a composite score of 21 or more on the ACT

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*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Required</u>
September 13, 2014	August 8, 2014	August 9 – 22, 2014
October 25, 2014	September 19, 2014	September 20 – October 3, 2014
December 13, 2014	November 7, 2014	November 8 – 21, 2014
February 7, 2015	January 9, 2015	January 10 – 16, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015	March 14 – 27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9 – 22, 2015

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*Students may be eligible to receive 2 FREE FEE WAIVERS from counselor. ACT Test should begin in freshmen year.

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HBCU FACTS SHEET

- ✧ 80% HBCU's founded in 1800's
- ✧ 300,000 graduates every 10 years
- ✧ 3% of all Universities and Colleges
- ✧ Enroll 18% of African-American students
- ✧ 40% of Bachelor's degrees
- ✧ Of the top 20 Institutions where African-American holders of Ph.D. degrees received their undergraduate education, 17 were HBCU graduates.
- ✧ The roll call of HBCU graduates is indeed impressive. For instance, HBCU graduates include the following:

50% of nation's Black Business Executives

45% of Black members of Congress

50% of Black elected officials

95% of Black elected officials from the South

75% of Black Americans with Ph.D. degrees

80% of Black Federal Judges

75% of Black Lawyers

85% of Black Physicians

75% of Black Military Officers

37% of Black Teachers

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GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): Federal Student Aid, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation.

Website: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SITES:

Fast Web: A scholarship matching and college search service; also has information on jobs and internships, financial aid, and student life.

Website: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

Mach 25: A scholarship search tool that allows students to find scholarships that match their personal profiles or by keyword; also has information on admission criteria, campus life, programs and degrees, and financial aid.

Website: <http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app>

Cappex: A free online college and scholarship resource for high school and college students.

Website: <https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/>

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Detroit Scholarship Fund: The Detroit Scholarship Fund (DSF), administered by the Detroit Regional Chamber, ensures that any Detroit-resident student graduating in the spring of 2015 from a high school in the city of Detroit will have a tuition-free path to an associate degree or technical certificate* at any one of five participating community colleges.

Deadline: Register by June 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.detroitchamber.com/economic-development-2/education-talent/detroit-scholarship-fund/>

Detroit College Promise Program: Began with the graduating class of 2009 at Cody High School, Detroit. Number of scholarships: unlimited - we offer scholarships to all DPS graduates who qualify.

Scholarship details: for class of 2014, awards totaled \$30,000 and ranged from \$250 to \$1,000 per student; award for class of 2015 will be announced in July 2015.

- Requirements: between December 1 of grade 9 and graduation, students must (a) be registered, (b) continuously attend a DPS high school and (c)

Major requirements:

- Single mother
- Resident of Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County
- Attend or will attend Wayne State University, University of Michigan (any campus) or Catholic University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Website: <https://cfsem.org/scholarships/otis-smith-scholarship>

Rosa Parks Scholarship Program

Number of scholarships: 40 per year

Scholarship details: \$2000 per year

Major requirements:

- Be a senior attending a public or private Michigan High School
- GPA of 2.5 or above
- Complete an application form and essay

Website: <http://rosaparksscholarshipfoundation.org/index.html>

State of Michigan Tuition Incentive Program

Number of scholarships: Unlimited

Scholarship details: Scholarship is provided in two phases. Phase I provides tuition and mandatory fee charges for students enrolled in a participating associate degree or certificate program in Michigan. Phase II provides up to \$2,000 in tuition for students enrolled in a 4-year program at a Michigan college or university.

Major requirements:

- Must have had Medicaid coverage for 24 months out of a 36-month consecutive period
- The Michigan Department of Human Services identifies qualified students as early as 6th grade and notifies them of eligibility.
- The FAFSA is encouraged but not necessary

Website: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/FactSheetTIP_161201_7.pdf

Steve Smith Scholarship

Number of scholarships: 1 per year

Scholarship details: Up to \$10,000 per year for 4 years

Major requirements:

- Graduating senior from Detroit Pershing High School
- Must attend Michigan State University

Website: <http://www.stevesmithcharitablefund.org/home/>

United Negro College Fund

Number of scholarships: Unlimited

Scholarship details: The UNCF is dedicated to promoting higher education for African American students, offering scholarships and internships at about 900 institutions. A variety of scholarships are listed on the website, each with its own criteria.

Website: <http://uncf.org/ForStudents/index.asp>

Website: <http://wayne.edu/scholarships/wademccree/>

Wayne County Vision Fund Scholarship

Number of scholarships: 64 students received the scholarship in 2009. Scholarship details: County Executive Robert Ficano provides \$500 to seniors from high schools in Wayne County who will attend a 2- or 4-year college, university, or trade school.

Major requirements:

- Must be enrolled at a high school in Wayne County
- Must have a 3.0 grade point average

Students should contact their local high school principle to obtain the scholarship application.

Website: <http://robertficanohopefoundation.org/index.php>