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1890 Scholars Announced for 2006

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced the selection of 19 students to be 1890 national scholars for the 2006 academic year and invited scholarship applications for next fall.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) 1890 National Scholars Program is a partnership initiative between USDA and the 1890 land grant universities. Through this initiative, USDA seeks to expand its diversity by recruiting talented students into public service in agriculture and related fields including food sciences, natural resources and agricultural sciences. Since the inception of the National Scholars Program in 1992, USDA has funded a total of 413 national scholars.

USDA/1890 scholarship recipients receive full tuition, fees, books, use of laptop computers and software, printers, employment and employee benefits for each of the four years they pursue a bachelor's degree. Students receive room and board provided by the partnering institutions and are required to work one year at USDA for each year they receive the scholarship.

Applications for the 2007 academic school year are being accepted. The application form is available at: www.ascr.usda.gov/1890scholars_app.pdf. All 2007 application materials must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2007, and mailed to the USDA liaison officer at the applicant's university of choice.