




PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Memorandum

To: Prospective Students, High School Counselors, Agricultural & Human Science Teachers, Community Leaders, Clergymen, Alumni, Friends and Supporters

From: George C. Wright 
President

Date: November 1, 2008

Subject: USDA/1890 National Scholars Program

I would like to inform you of one of the most exciting and important scholarship programs in the nation, the **USDA/1890 National Scholars Program**.

Prairie View A&M University is in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to encourage bright young people to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or related disciplines. The Honorable Ed Schafer, Secretary of Agriculture said, "The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program is a wonderful resource for identifying the leaders of tomorrow in agriculture. We congratulate this year's scholars and welcome scholarship applications for the 2009/2010 academic year."

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. Room and board is provided by the partnering institutions. Recipients are required to work one year (with pay) at USDA for each year they receive the scholarship. USDA/1890 National Scholars are selected by participating USDA agencies based on recommendations of participating 1890 Land-Grant Universities. Since the inception of the National Scholars Program in 1992, USDA has funded a total of 432 national scholars.

I encourage you to review the enclosed material and share it with potential college bound students in your school, church, and/or community (particularly those that might have an interest in attending Prairie View A&M University). By applying for this scholarship students are competing for an opportunity that may propel them into a 21st century leadership position. The Prairie View A&M University family is hopeful that you will spread the word about this prestigious and unique scholarship.

Interested persons can visit <http://www.ascr.usda.gov/doc/2009/1890Scholars.pdf> to complete an application, print and submit by U.S. mail. For further information or to request an application, please contact Horace D. Hodge, USDA Liaison Officer by voice at (936) 261-2521; cell (979) 571-0087, fax (936) 261-2548 or email hdhodge@pvamu.edu. His mailing address is P.O. Box 2736, Prairie View, Texas 77446. **Application must be postmarked by February 1, 2009.**