

Scholarship Selection Schedule-2008

USDA agencies may select students who meet all tests, grade point averages, citizenship, application, and/or other requirements established by the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program; meet all requirements for enrollment at the 1890 Institution, and meet all deadlines for application to the program according to the timetable below:

ITEM	TIMEFRAME	REMARKS
Applications & brochures available		Mailed to Liaison Officers by
Applications mailed		Mailed to high school counselors, students, organizations, etc.
Agencies submit discipline needs to National Scholars Program Manager (NSPM)		None
NSPM submit disciplines to USDA Liaison Officers and 1890 National Scholars Program Coordinators		Disciplines are used for recruiting purposes
Deadline for Applications	February 1	Postmarked no later than February 1
1890 Institutions' screening process	February 1 - 17	Agencies maintain contact with Liaison Officers
1890 Institutions submit Top 10 applicants to NSPM	February 17	Original and 10 copies of each application sent to the NSPM
Profile of students sent to agency coordinators	February 24	Agency screening process begins
1890 Universities send letters to finalists and scholars are selected	February 24	Liaison Send Copy of Letters to NSPM
Final selection of students	February 29 - March 31	Agencies review applications and final offers are made
Acceptances due	April 1	Liaison Officers submit all acceptances to agency NSPM and Agency Coordinators
Confirmation letters and Service Agreements sent to students	April 1	Copies forwarded to NSPM
NSP Orientation Training	July 20-24 (tentative)	All 2008 Scholars required to attend

Note: Applications will be released to agency coordinators only (unless other arrangements are made by the agency coordinators and the Scholars Program Manager).

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