

**Scholarship USDA Farm Service Agency: Two job series, multiple positions and locations**

**Duty Location(s):** Arizona, Oklahoma, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Washington

**Eligibility:** You plan to attend, currently attend, or recently graduated from a Tribal College or University. For the purposes of this application, a recent graduate is someone who does not yet have a bachelor's degree and who has graduated with an Associate's degree within the last two years.

**Positions and Educational Requirements:**

**GS-1165 – Loan Specialist** - finance, business administration, economics, accounting, insurance, engineering, mathematics, banking and credit, law, real estate operations, statistics, or other fields related to the position, such as agriculture, agricultural economics, farm, livestock or ranch management, or rural sociology.

**GS-1101 – General Business and Industry** - accounting, business, finance, law, contracts, purchasing, economics, industrial management, marketing, quantitative methods, or organization and management.

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**An application package** includes an essay, your resume, two letters of recommendation, and your transcript(s).

***Resume*** – Submit your current resume.

***Essay*** – Submit an essay/cover letter noting your application for either GS-1165 Loan Specialist or GS-1101 General Business and Industry answering these questions below with a word count of 500 – 800 words.

1. What motivates you to consider a career in public service working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture? Include information about your educational and career goals and how this scholarship may assist you.
2. How did you become interested in studying food, agriculture, and natural resource sciences or another related discipline in college?

***Two Letters of Recommendation*** –One must be from your academic counselor, advisor, or faculty member and address applicant's Personal strengths, Leadership qualities and potential, Academic and extracurricular achievements, Future academic and career aspirations

***Transcript*** – Submit official or unofficial college/university transcripts indicating your most recent academic work.

**Questions?:** email [1994@usda.gov](mailto:1994@usda.gov) or phone: 202-845-5646.

**SUBMIT your application packet to:** [1994@usda.gov](mailto:1994@usda.gov)

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