

## Scholarship USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Duty Location(s):** To be determined

### **Positions and Educational Requirements:**

**Agronomist (GS-471)** Degree: agronomy; or related discipline of science that included at least 30 semester hours of course work in the basic plant sciences, including at least 15 semester hours in agronomic subjects, such as those dealing with plant breeding, crop production, and soil and crop management.

**Natural Resources Specialist/Biologist (GS-401)** - Degree: biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position.

**Engineer (GS-810/890/819) – All 800 series** - Degree: Engineering. To be acceptable, the program must: (1) lead to a bachelor's degree in a school of engineering with at least one program accredited by ABET; or (2) include differential and integral calculus and courses (more advanced than first-year physics and chemistry) in five of the following seven areas of engineering science or physics: (a) statics, dynamics; (b) strength of materials (stress-strain relationships); (c) fluid mechanics, hydraulics; (d) thermodynamics; (e) electrical fields and circuits; (f) nature and properties of materials (relating particle and aggregate structure to properties); and (g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics, or electronics.

**Range Management Specialist (GS-454)** - **Degree:** range management; or a related discipline.

**Soil Conservationist (GS-457)**- **Degree:** soil conservation or related agricultural or natural resource discipline such as agronomy, soil science, forestry, agricultural education, or agricultural engineering.

**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 Agronomist, Natural Resource Specialist/Biologist, or Engineer 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@osec.usda.gov](mailto:1994@osec.usda.gov) or call 202-845-5646

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

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