

Scholarship USDA- National Institute of Food and Agriculture NIFA IFSN ITEK

Duty Location(s): Remote

Desired Majors: Any

Education Requirements

A minimum of 12 semester credits to-date. The most important qualities are an inquisitive nature, drive, and strong work ethic. The applicant needs to be an independent learner, organized, self-motivated, able to work outside, and have a valid driver's license.

Academic Level:

Student beginning their college Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year.

Position Title:

Staff Assistant 0301

Position Description: Description of work planned: Applications are being sought for an internship to assist with the integration of Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) into internal and external NIFA practices. The intern will be an active, contributing member of the Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition (IFSN) and Institute of Youth, Family, and Community (IYFC) helping to lead efforts with the NIFA Traditional Ecological Knowledge Task Force. Specific efforts include helping to develop an iterative work plan with achievable milestones. The intern will be presented with several learning opportunities to choose from such as working in collaboration with other USDA agencies and staff, working with external stakeholders, designing new initiatives, establishing workplans with milestones, and presenting outcomes at various meetings.

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 NIFA IFSN ITEK, and 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. The second letter should be from a community organization or an employer. 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 or call 202-845-5646

SUBMIT your application packet by May 15 midnight to: 1994@usda.gov

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