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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Public Service Leaders Scholarship Program provides combined scholarship and internship opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students leading to permanent employment upon completion of their degree. The program is designed to promote public service and create access to higher education.

**The program offers:**

- Full-tuition scholarships
- Paid internship (minimum 640 hours) leading to permanent employment
- Mentoring, career development, and leadership training
- Use of a personal computer (laptop)

**Successful applicants are:**

- Committed to public service
- Leaders in their community
- Intellectually curious



**APPLY ONLINE AT**

**[WWW.USDASCHOLARSHIPS.COM](http://WWW.USDASCHOLARSHIPS.COM)**

**Application deadline: Monday, April 16, 2007**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Each applicant must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen, or be in the final stages of the application process for U.S. citizenship, and will have attained citizenship within a year of being accepted to the program.
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA based on a 4.0 scale
- Have a strong interest in a career with the USDA
- Attend mandatory orientation from July 8-14, 2007 in Washington, DC.
- Meet major and class level requirements of each scholarship

Recipients of the Public Service Leaders Scholarship Program enter into an agreement with the USDA to receive full-tuition scholarships for a specified number of years. Scholarship recipients are required to work for the USDA for one year for every year of sponsorship upon graduation.

USDA opens its doors to students from all academic disciplines. Students selected in the past have majored in *Business, Computer Science, Civil Engineering, Economics, Management, Marketing, Statistics, International Trade, Public Administration Agriculture, Agronomy, Crop Science, Animal Science, Dairy Science*. **Please note that this program is not limited to these majors.**