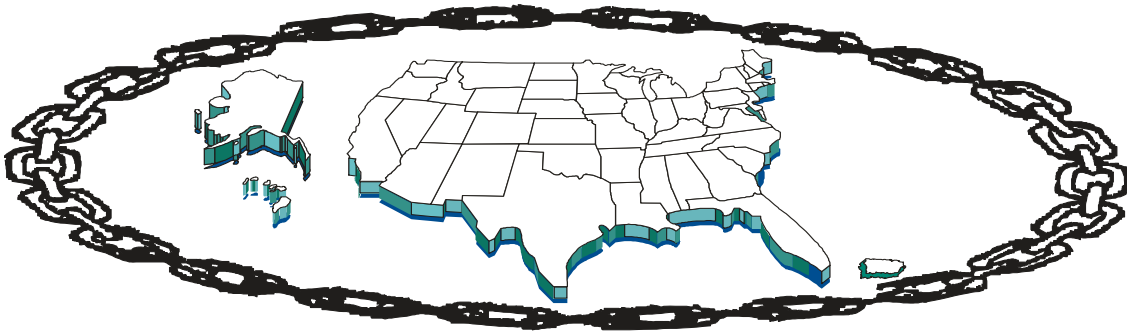


THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL
BLACK NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE EMPLOYEES (NOPBNRCSE)

**MR. JAMES E. TATUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2015**



*A Partnership between The Organization and
The 1890 Land-Grant Institutions*

The National Organization of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees Mr. James E. Tatum Scholarship Program

The National Organization of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees (NOPBNRCSE) is also known as The Organization. The Organization Scholarship Program, named Mr. James E. Tatum, is committed to providing ten (10) college scholarships to deserving students pursuing a bachelor's degree in the Agricultural Sciences or related fields. Applicants must be currently enrolled, or planning to attend one of the following 1890 universities:

Alabama A&M University	Prairie View A&M University, Texas
Alcorn State University, Mississippi	South Carolina State University
Delaware State University	Southern University, Louisiana
Florida A&M University	Tennessee State University
Fort Valley State University, Georgia	Tuskegee University, Alabama
Kentucky State University	University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff
Langston University, Oklahoma	University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
Lincoln University, Missouri	Virginia State University
North Carolina A&T University	West Virginia State University
Central State University, Ohio	

Purpose

The purpose of the Mr. James E. Tatum Scholarship Program is:

- * To strengthen the long-term partnership between The Organization, USDA, and the 1890 institutions.
- * To increase the number of students studying agriculture, natural resource sciences and other related disciplines.

Objective

The Organization offers a one-time limited scholarship fund to U.S. citizens who are seeking a bachelor's degree at one of the eighteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions. The field of study must be in the area of agriculture, natural resource sciences, or related disciplines. Studies must be in the following:

Agriculture	Botany
Agriculture Business/Management	Farm and Range Management
Agriculture Economics	Forestry
Agriculture Engineering/Mechanics	Horticulture
Agriculture Production & Technology	Natural Resource Management
Agronomy or Crop Science	Soil Conservation
Animal Science	Plant and Soil Science
Food Science and Technology	Environmental Sciences
Nutritional Sciences	Wildlife Management

The Award

Ten scholarships of \$1000.00 each are awarded annually, which must be used at one of the listed 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions.

Who May Apply

Applicants who are U.S. citizens that have a high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate, and are starting or already enrolled in one of the listed colleges or universities for the spring semester. The minimum grade point average is 2.80 for consideration.

Application Deadline

Only complete application packets (Application, Transcript, 2 Letters of Recommendations) will be accepted. **All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., CST on Friday, October 16, 2015.** Failure to submit any of the required documents will render the entire application ineligible for review. Applications can be sent to the HBCU Scholarship Committee Chair via email at Jacqueline.horne@ftw.usda.gov or mail at:

**ATTN: Jacqueline Horne
919 Azalea Court
Burleson, TX 76028**

Note: Electronic submissions are encouraged but not required.

General Eligibility

The Applicant Must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be an entering freshman, or already enrolled at a college or university as of the fall semester/quarter for the 2015 school year.
- Hold a High School Diploma or G.E.D. certificate
- Have a High School/College GPA of 2.80 or better
- Attend one of the nineteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions listed
- Study Agriculture, Natural Resources Sciences, or other related fields
- Submit the completed Application Form
- Submit a copy of an **official or certified** high school or college transcript.
(Please scan and attach for electronic submissions).
All transcripts should come from the current institution or most recent institution attended.
- Submit **two** (2) Letters of Recommendations (Please scan and attach for electronic submissions)
 - one from a Teacher, Professor, Counselor, etc., and
 - one from a Community Leader
- # Sign application where applicable (electronically sign for electronic submissions)

Supporting Information for **Mr. James E. Tatum Scholarship Program**

Privacy Act Advisory Statement

The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579) requires that you be given certain information in connection with this request for information. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements for the Act, please be advised:

- a. The authority for the collection of this data is Executive Order 11155.
- b. Furnishing the information requested is voluntary.
- c. The data will be used for determining scholarship winners.
- d. Other routine uses of the data are for preparation of the public affairs and media releases.
- e. Failure to submit all required documents or failure to complete and sign the forms will disallow you to be included among candidates for scholarship consideration.

Affirmation to make application

I, _____, understand that by completing and submitting this application, I am also confirming that I have read and understand the stipulations within the Acceptance Agreement, and therefore affirm my wish to be considered. If I am awarded the scholarship, I promise to abide by the following conditions and stipulations.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

THE ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

for

MR. JAMES E. TATUM SCHOLARSHIP

as awarded by

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL BLACK NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES

By affixing his/her signature to this Agreement, the applicant certifies that all information is true and provided without intent to mislead or defraud. And, if awarded the scholarship, the applicant agrees to the herein after mentioned conditions and stipulations.

STIPULATIONS:

1. The applicant is currently enrolled or has been admitted to an 1890 Land-Grant Institution.
2. If awarded the Mr. James E. Tatum Scholarship, the applicant will make use of said monetary funds in accordance with university policy and regulations as related to: grants; stipends; financial aid; non-university related scholarships; and student loans.

If in the event, it is determined that information, as provided by the applicant, was fraudulently submitted, then the scholarship recipient agrees to refund the entire scholarship amount to The Organization.

Signature of Applicant

Date

University

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Mr. James E. Tatum Scholarship Program

Application Form
(Please Type Responses)

1. Name _____ Date: _____

2. Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone No. _____ E-mail Address _____

3. Name of 1890 Land-Grant Institution presently attending: No address needed.

4. Classification/Year: _____ Degree Major (& Minor) _____

Current Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (Note: Use High School GPA if enrolled as Freshman.)

5. List other College or University history to date (include GPAs).

6. List your planned courses for the upcoming semester, if not listed on your official transcript:

7. List your College Activities or Community Activities/Involvements: *(Please note any office held).*

Answer the following using 250 words or less for each. Additional space is provided on the following page.

8. Explain the reason you are majoring in your selected field.

9. Summarize your Short and Long Term career goals and objectives:

10. Explain why financial assistance is needed to continue your education and how you would make use of the scholarship funds.

Applicants' Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date Received by Scholarship Committee: _____

Please use space below to complete your answers, if needed.

Please review this form to make sure you have answered all questions completely. Proofread your responses.

I certify that I completed this application and that all statements made are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that a false statement could eliminate me from consideration for this scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date