

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Cotton & Tobacco Program
120 Texas Tech Parkway
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY GRADER
(Seasonal Classer - GS 1980-5 \$18.96 ph.)

Applications will be accepted for Cotton Classer trainees on August 19th thru August 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Minimum requirements: 520 hours of experience as a Cotton & Tobacco Program employee with a performance rating of 3.00 or higher with no rating of "Does Not Meet" for any single performance element OR Six (6) months experience in the management of growing or marketing cotton OR Six (6) months experience as a computer programmer or operator OR Six (6) months clerical experience as a bank teller, bookkeeper, tax clerk, or secretary OR Six (6) months experience in a trade requiring special training or license such as welder, electrician, plumber, auto mechanic, licensed practical nurse, medical lab technician, etc. OR successful completion of training at a vocational technical school. PROOF OF SPECIAL TRAINING OR LICENSE REQUIRED. Must have a minimum of high school diploma or GED education. PROOF OF EDUCATION MUST BE PROVIDED WITH SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.

If you know of anyone outside the Cotton and Tobacco Program who might be interested and meets the minimum requirements, please convey the details of this announcement. Background checks will be conducted on all applicants. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and must be able to provide proof of identification (picture ID, Social Security Card) and education. Veteran's preference will be applied only to new applicants. DD-214 and/or VA letter required for applicable Veteran preference. If you are a male born after December 31, 1959 and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must be registered with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions (proof of registration and/or exemption required).

Weekend and Holiday work is mandatory and must be able to work any shift.

Applicants chosen to attend classing school must pass a physical exam. Classing School will be held September 9th thru September 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Daily attendance is required and necessary to successfully pass the test at the end of the training.

USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danny Martinez".

Danny Martinez
Area Director