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Robert Fechner issues this statement with authorization of the White House:

Because of the great demand for the work with the Emergency Conservation Program, it has become obviously necessary to use this work for those who need these jobs most, and are best adapted to the work to be done.

Young, unmarried men have had the greatest difficulty in recent years in securing either work or relief, and this group has both need themselves and numbers of people dependent upon them. Therefore, in the first selections of people for this work, we will make the work available for unemployed, unmarried men, eighteen to twenty-five years of age, who desire to allot a substantial part of their cash allowance for the benefit of their families and dependents. Many of these men have been unable to secure any chance for self-support in the last four years, and they are, moreover, the very men who are best adapted to the kind of work, and who are most likely to profit by the education and training which this opportunity will give them.

In addition to this group of men, there will also be employed a relatively small number of unemployed men of suitable age and experience, residents in the area to be developed by the Emergency Conservation work, because these men are definitely useful in the project and peculiarly entitled to share its advantages.

The law itself imposes a further qualification that the persons so enrolled must be citizens.

Each state will be assigned its equitable quota from the 250,000 persons selected to do this work. The Labor Department will consult with the state official having had the administration of unemployment relief in the respective states, and will arrange for the selection of men from the lists of applicants for work and for other assistance which already exist in every state in the Union. These lists of men who have applied for work in months past represent those who have been longest out of employment, and therefore, are among those who have the greatest emergency at this time, and for this reason will be selected for this limited opportunity for work. Until these already existing lists are exhausted, no further applications can be received anywhere.

If there is to be further registration, suitable advance announcement will be made of it.