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Barry Goldwater Scholarship Program - <http://www.act.org/goldwater>

Description: The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was created in 1986 to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering and to foster excellence in these fields. Nominees for Goldwater Scholarships must include in their nomination materials a statement of interest in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering, detailing how their academic program and their overall educational plans will prepare them for their chosen career goal. Most Goldwater Scholars plan to pursue PhD's in their chosen field. Students who intend to study medicine are eligible only if they plan a research career rather than a career as a medical doctor in a private practice. A strong candidate will have had the opportunity to participate in research, either at his or her institution, in local industry, or in a national research facility. Students who have not participated in formal research can demonstrate intellectual curiosity through independent investigation of a theory or issue related to their fields of interest. Abilities and potential are also shown through meeting significant responsibilities, involvement in science-related organizations, and accomplishments outside the classroom.

Dollar Value: Scholars receive up to \$15,000 to cover tuition, fees, books and room and board expenses.

Number of Scholarships: Up to 300 Goldwater Scholarships are awarded each year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Be a full-time matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education during the academic year in which he or she applies. "Sophomore" is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study beginning in September after application. Sophomore nominees can expect to receive a maximum of two years of support. Students in two-year colleges who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate program at another institution may be nominated. "Junior" is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning the September after application. Junior nominees can expect to receive a maximum of one year of support.
- ✓ Have a college grade-point-average of at least "B" (or the equivalent) and be in the upper fourth of his or her class.
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident, or, in the case of nominees from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, a U.S. national. Nominations from permanent residents must include a letter of the nominee's intent to obtain U.S. citizenship and a photocopy of the Permanent Resident Card. (Formerly known as the Alien Registration Card).

Application Procedures: Students must be nominated by their institution to compete for the Goldwater Scholarship. Contact campus representative for information about campus screening process.

Deadline: Information regarding the 2010 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Program will be posted in September 2009.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can students combine undergraduate majors or minors that may include disciplines not normally allowed by the Goldwater Scholarship Program? Examples might include Mathematics/Economics or Biology/Psychology.

Yes, with some limitations. The Goldwater application must be a research emphasis in mathematics, science or engineering. Students who seek double majors should explain how the non-science major will be incorporated into and enhance the science research career.

Is there one area of the Goldwater application that is more important than others?

No. The evaluation of all Goldwater nominees places equal emphasis on academic achievement, progress toward research goals, the research essay, and letters of recommendation.

Given the low percentage of Goldwater Scholars who came from 2-year academic programs, should community college students apply for the Goldwater Scholarship?

Yes. Statistically, the vast majority of Goldwater scholars came from 4-year colleges and universities where access to undergraduate research is readily available. Community colleges students need access to research facilities at either the 2-year college, through cooperative agreements with 4-year colleges and universities, government laboratories, or private companies.

Is it a requirement that Goldwater nominees complete a research project before applying?

No. Research experience is important to verify that nominees are making progress toward a research career. Juniors are more successful than sophomores in the Goldwater scholarship review process, in part, because of greater research opportunities and experience. However, a completed research project is not a requirement for a successful application.

Is there an appeal process for qualified students who are not selected as Goldwater scholars?

No. The Goldwater review process submits a preliminary list of scholars and honorable mention candidates to the Goldwater Foundation Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and there is no appeal process.

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program –

http://www.iie.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Programs7/Gilman_Awards/Home8/Home.htm

Description: The Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad. Such international study is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world. The Gilman scholarship aims to support students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad, including but not limited to, students with high financial need, community college students, students in under-represented fields such as the sciences and engineering, students with diverse ethnic backgrounds, and students with disabilities.

Dollar Value: Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. Award amounts will vary depending on the length of study and student need with the average award being \$4,000. Students who apply for and receive the Gilman Scholarship to study abroad are now eligible to receive an additional \$3,000 Critical Need Language Supplement from the Gilman Program for a total possible award of up to \$8,000.

Number of Scholarships: 820 Gilman scholarships. 25 Critical Need Language Supplements will be offered to Gilman Scholarship recipients.

Eligibility: The Gilman Scholarship is open to all US citizen undergraduates, in good academic standing, who meet the following criteria:

- ✓ The applicant must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will be receiving a Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of their study abroad.
- ✓ The applicant is applying to *or* has been accepted into a study abroad program eligible for credit by the student's accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.
- ✓ The applicant is studying abroad for at least 4 weeks in one country. Programs going to more than one country are eligible if the student will be studying in one country for at least 4 weeks.
- ✓ The applicant is studying abroad in any country except Cuba or a country on the State Department's current Travel Warning list.
- ✓ The applicant is studying in the fall, spring, or academic year terms including winter inter-sessions. Summer only programs are not eligible.

Application Procedures: There are four components to the Gilman Scholarship Application:

- ✓ Online student section;
- ✓ Online study abroad advisor certification;
- ✓ Online financial aid advisor certification; and
- ✓ Three paper copies of the student's transcript/s.

All four components must be completed by the deadlines for the application to be accepted. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered and extensions cannot be granted.

Deadline: Information not yet available online

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for the Gilman International Scholarship?

To be eligible for the Gilman International Scholarship students must be U.S.-citizen, undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education in the U.S. All applicants must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant, or provide proof that they will be receiving a Pell Grant during the term of study abroad, at the time of application. Students must be applying to a study abroad program eligible for undergraduate academic credit at their home university.

The student has never traveled or studied abroad before. Should they apply?

Yes, a principal objective of the Gilman Scholarship Program is to expand international educational opportunities by encouraging applications from students who have not previously studied abroad for undergraduate academic credit.

What is a Federal Pell Grant?

A Federal Pell Grant is a form of federal financial aid that students apply for via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If the applicant is unsure if they are receiving a Pell Grant please ask them to contact their financial aid advisor to confirm their aid status. For more information on the Pell Grant and other types of Federal Financial Aid please access the Student Guide to Federal Financial Aid.

What study abroad programs are eligible for the Gilman International Scholarship?

Any study abroad program that is eligible for undergraduate academic credit is eligible for the Gilman International Scholarship. This includes, but is not limited to, university or program provider administered study abroad programs, credit-bearing service-learning programs, academic internship programs, student teaching abroad programs, and programs that combine field or other research, etc.

The student is not participating in a study abroad program but am rather applying for a full-degree program overseas whereby they will receive a degree directly from an international institution. Are they eligible to apply?

No, only U.S. citizens currently enrolled as undergraduate students at a U.S. institution of higher education and participating in a study abroad program of up to one academic year are eligible for the Gilman Program. The Gilman Scholarship does not fund full-degree study overseas.

What is the minimum length of study required to be eligible to apply for the Gilman Scholarship? Are short-term programs eligible?

Programs must be a minimum of four weeks and a maximum of one academic year. Short-term programs are eligible so long as they fall within the eligible start dates for each cycle and are at least four weeks long. The program that students participate in must be a university-approved study abroad program that is eligible for undergraduate, academic credit at the student's home university. Summer programs are not eligible for the Gilman Scholarship as there is no summer cycle nor are awards made for summer-only study abroad.

Are multi-country programs eligible?

Yes, multi-country programs are eligible so long as students will spend a minimum of four weeks in one country. Within the application students should list the country they will spend the majority of their time abroad in and then within their essay they can share further information on the structure and location of their program abroad.

Carpe Diem Foundation of Illinois Scholarship -
www.carpediemfoundation.org/commonquestions.html

Description: The Carpe Diem Foundation is established pursuant to the direction of Mabel E. Greenspon who died on March 21, 2001. Her instructions were that upon her death, a charitable foundation was to be established to identify and assist students who were most likely to improve the quality of human life. The scholarship grants will be awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding achievements, exceptional leadership ability and a serious commitment to community service. Recipients of scholarship grants must be enrolled as full-time students, maintain a B average and participate in service activity. While the grants will be awarded based upon merit, priority among equally qualified candidates will be given to students whose parents are employed in education, government, social services, public health, the administration of justice and the fine arts.

Dollar Value: The scholarships range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per year for tuition, room, board and books at U.S. accredited educational institutions. The scholarship can be renewed for up to four years.

Number of Scholarships: 12 to 24 merit based scholarship.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Applicant must be a U.S. citizen
- ✓ Applicant must be a new or continuing undergraduate student attending a U.S. accredited educational institution in the Fall of that year
- ✓ Applicant does not have to be an Illinois resident.

Application Procedures: Applicant must download the application package, which includes the application form, three essay questions, teacher recommendation form, and community service recommendation form. Complete the application form, two short essay questions and long essay, secure the recommendations and an official transcript, enclose the \$14.25 application fee and return the completed application packet to the Foundation.

Deadline: Early May 2010

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Frequently Asked Questions

Does a student have to major in a specific area of interest, if awarded the scholarship?

Students do not have to declare a major if they are a high school senior or college freshman. They are expected to have a vision for the future and be able to describe their role in pursuing their goals.

Can additional documentation be included?

Only one to two pages and only if it is absolutely necessary to explain a section of the application. DO NOT SEND books, binders or large volumes of paperwork. Also, if the applicant would like materials return, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The return of documents cannot be guaranteed, but the Foundation will make every effort to do so.

Should samples of creative writing/poetry, graphic arts/artwork or musical or theatrical performance be included in the application?

To be considered for achievement in the arts, applicants must submit representative samples of work. Theatre and Music tapes, CDs, DVDs and creative writing samples will not be returned. Art portfolios are more expensive, and the Foundation will attempt to return them. If the applicant would like the samples returned, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The Foundation cannot guarantee the return of samples, but will make every effort to do so. Art can be submitted on a computer disk (specify the format) or if viewable on a web site, provide the web address. For theatre and music, it is better if the performance is a solo. The Foundation wants to see what the applicant can do.

What information is needed on research project?

If the applicant has worked with a teacher/professor on a research project, please explain. If the applicant has conducted an independent research study that was not a class assignment, please explain. If published, please supply citation.

What standardized test scores are required?

Scores are needed for either the old SAT, the new SAT or the ACT. If both the SAT and ACT were taken, supply both test results. Supply SAT II test scores for any subject tests taken.

Can a high school counselor complete the community service recommender portion?

Yes, but send a brief note of explanation why someone other than a community/church/social leader is completing the questionnaire. It is in the best interest of the applicant to have someone NOT associated with the school complete the community service recommendation.

Can the teacher and community service recommendations be sent in separately?

Only if it is absolutely necessary and totally unavoidable. There is every effort made to match the application with the recommendations, but the Foundation cannot guarantee our efforts will be successful. Talk with recommenders early. Do not hold application waiting for letters from recommenders. Do not miss the deadline for receipt of the application.

When will applicants hear whether if they have been awarded the scholarship?

If chosen to receive a scholarship, applicants will be notified by August. A list of those selected will be posted on the Website. No written notification will be sent to applicants.

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Program-
<http://www.howard.edu/rjb/rangelprogram.htm>

Description: The Charles B. Rangel Fellowship is a new, prestigious award for two years of graduate or professional schooling in international affairs, plus enrichment study at Howard University in Washington, D.C., internships in Congress and overseas, and eventual appointment to the U.S. Foreign Service. Administered by the Ralph J. Bunche Center at Howard University, the award may be used at most accredited graduate or professional schools toward a degree in international affairs or a related subject. At the conclusion of two years of study, the Rangel Fellow is expected to obtain a degree in international affairs or a related subject (such as public administration, public policy, business administration, foreign languages, economics, political science, communications) at a graduate or professional school approved by the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center.

Rangel Fellows will participate in two internships. The first, a domestic internship on Capitol Hill, will occur in the summer before the Fellow begins the degree program. The second will be an overseas internship in a U. S. embassy, which takes place during the summer between the first and second years of graduate study. Fellows will receive mentoring from a Foreign Service Officer throughout the duration of the fellowship as well as during their early employment at the State Department.

Dollar Value: The Rangel awards fellows up to \$28,000 scholarship annually plus support for internships and related program activities.

Number of Fellowships: There are 10 awards granted each year.

Eligibility

- ✓ Only US Citizens will be considered as applicants.
- ✓ Applicants must be in the senior year of their undergraduate study or have completed their undergraduate degree by June.
- ✓ Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.
- ✓ Consideration will be given to qualified applicants who, in addition to outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement, demonstrate financial need.
- ✓ A candidate's community, academic, other extracurricular, and leadership activities will be considered during the selection process.

Application Procedures: Fill out the application available online at <http://www.howard.edu/rjb/rangelprogram.htm>. Applicants will also need two letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and examples of writing skills.

Deadline: January, 2010.

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DAAD Scholarships - <http://www.daad.org/>

Description: The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is the German national agency for the support of international academic cooperation. They are an independent association of the German universities who elect its leadership. They represent the German higher education system abroad, promote Germany as an academic and research destination, and help build ties between institutions around the world. The New York office of the DAAD was founded in 1971 to support academic exchange between the US, Canada, and Germany. They offer a wide range of highly selective scholarships, grants, and fellowships in Germany for US and Canadian citizens, from undergraduate students to post-doctoral scholars as well as faculty and higher education professionals. They also administer fellowships and other programs for incoming students from Germany.

Dollar Value: Varies with each program.

Number of Scholarships: Scholarship provides financial support to over 50,000 individuals per year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ The most important criteria for successful applicants are a history of academic excellence and clarity of vision for why they need to spend time in Germany. For most programs applicants need to be currently enrolled as a student and have plans to return to their home institution. The Graduate Scholarship for Study does not have this stipulation and can be used to fund either a temporary stay in Germany or a complete Master's degree there.
- ✓ The New York office of DAAD administers funding programs for exceptional students in North America for research or study in Germany. Foreign nationals studying in North America may be eligible through this office or may need to apply through a different DAAD office.
- ✓ Most programs have age limits. For example, undergraduate applicants should generally be younger than 32 at the start of the study abroad period. Some graduate funding programs also have an age limit of 32.
- ✓ All eligibility requirements are listed for each program at www.daad.org

Application Procedures: Applicants must submit completed application form, supplemental form (for music, fine arts, dance only) CV/resume, study proposal, 2 letters of recommendation, evidence of contact with German institution, DAAD language evaluation form.

Deadline: The National Deadline varies with each program.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Do students need to speak German to receive DAAD scholarships?

There are DAAD programs for students at every level of German language ability, but for most programs, the requirement is that the language skills should be commensurate with the plans for study or research. They offer two summer programs in English for engineering and science students. (Research Internships in Science and Engineering and High Tech in German) as well as funding for language courses for graduate students. But regardless of program requirements, any experience in Germany is bound to be more fulfilling if the student has—or is willing to acquire—at least a basic level of German ability.

How can a student find an advisor in Germany for their project or study?

The best place to start is with faculty members, many of whom will already have contacts in Germany. Contact professors in the student's field of study as well as professors in the university's German department. If that doesn't work, the student can directly contact the international office (akademisches Auslandsamt) of the German university where the student wants to apply.

Where is a DAAD “Partnership University”?

For universities with many applicants to DAAD programs, DAAD has created the partner university program. This simply means that these universities have the option to have an internal selection process before sending applications on to us. Students at DAAD partner universities must apply through their university's representative. For the list of partners, visit www.daad.org/?p=partners. They are not currently accepting any additional partner universities.

What other services does DAAD offer?

Aside from administering its various exchange programs, DAAD's objective is to answer all the questions students might have about studying and researching in Germany. The staff at DAAD's New York office is available every working day to provide information to students and advisors about any subject, from navigating the German university system to finding an apartment in a Germany city. And if for some reason we're not able to personally help, they WILL be able to refer you to who can.

Delaying the Real World Fellowship- <http://www.delayingtherealworld.com/index.php>

Description: Delaying the Real World is a road map for the new graduate, inspiring and directing you toward making your twenties the most rewarding (and adventurous) decade of a young persons' life. Delaying the Real World is chock-full of creative ideas and practical information that will help them craft their own life-changing adventure. In this one-of-a-kind guide, Colleen Kinder scouts out experiences that will not only satisfy any free spirit but also pay the bills, make the world a better place, and maybe even catapult them into a future career.

Dollar Value: \$3,000.

Number of Scholarships: There is one scholarship offered each year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Applicants must be in the greatest decade of life, (THE TWENTIES—Ages 21 through 29),
- ✓ Must be a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ There is no educational requirement to apply.

Application Procedures: Eligible applicants must propose in writing via email a gutsy and worthwhile adventure in the spirit of Delaying the Real World and the young adventurers who fill the book. There is no time length requirement on the adventure, though the fellowship committee will take into account how well the proposed idea maximizes the \$3,000 grant. The winner must begin the fellowship within four (4) months of award date, which will be no later than May 31, and be willing to report any fellowship-related escapades back to the fellowship committee, including occasional photographic evidence.

Deadline: Information not yet available online.

Contact Information:

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Department of Homeland Security Graduate Fellowship Program -

<http://www.ora.gov/dhsed/>

Description: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) realizes that the country's strong science and technology community provides a critical advantage in the development and implementation of counter-terrorist measures and other DHS objectives. The DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing the basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission. This education program is intended to ensure a diverse and highly talented science and technology community to achieve the DHS mission and objectives. Areas of study that are eligible include: physical sciences, mathematical sciences, computer and information sciences, life sciences, social sciences, psychology, selected humanities, and engineering.

Dollar Value: The Scholarship provides a stipend of \$2,300/month for 12 months. Full tuition and mandatory, nonrefundable fees paid. Appointments are for up to three years, beginning fall 2010, given satisfactory academic progress and availability of funding

Number of Scholarships: Unspecified.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Must be a U.S. citizen as of the application deadline.
- ✓ Have a cumulative undergraduate GPA from the institution granting your bachelor's degree of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ If you are at least a college senior as of the application deadline, and you will graduate prior to fall 2010, you are eligible.
- ✓ Have previously earned a bachelor's degree but are not currently enrolled, and have completed no more than two graduate courses since completion of a bachelor's degree.
- ✓ You must be pursuing a doctoral or master's degree with a thesis requirement in the physical sciences, mathematical sciences, computer and information sciences, life sciences, social sciences, psychology, selected humanities, or engineering. See Fields of Study List.
- ✓ If you are enrolled in the first year of a master's program as of the application deadline, you are not eligible to apply unless you will begin a PhD program in fall.

Application Procedures: Applications will be evaluated by a panel of scientists and engineers who are experts in one or more of the supported fields, based on the student's academic record and submitted test scores, reference reports, proposed research essay and contribution to DHS essay.

Deadlines: The competition cycle will be announced in the fall 2009 on the web site

Contact Information:

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Department of Homeland Security Undergraduate Scholarship Program -
<http://www.orau.gov/dhsed/Default.htm>

Description: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) realizes that the country's strong science and technology community provides a critical advantage in the development and implementation of counter-terrorist measures and other DHS objectives. The DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing the basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission. This education program is intended to ensure a diverse and highly talented science and technology community to achieve the DHS mission and objectives. Areas of study that are eligible include: physical sciences, mathematical sciences, computer and information sciences, life sciences, social sciences, psychology, selected humanities, and engineering.

Dollar Value: \$1,000/month for 9 months during the academic year; \$5,000 for the 10-week summer internship. Full tuition and mandatory, nonrefundable fees paid

Number of Scholarships: Unspecified.

Eligibility:

- ✓ You must be a U.S. citizen as of the application deadline.
- ✓ You must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale, averaged over all institutions attended, including fall 2007 grades if enrolled during that term.
- ✓ You must be majoring in the physical sciences, mathematical sciences, computer and information sciences, life sciences, social sciences, psychology, selected humanities, or engineering. See Fields of Study List.
- ✓ If you have been attending college full-time, you must be in your second year of college attendance as of the application deadline.
- ✓ If you have attended college on a part-time basis since completing high school, you must have completed a total of at least 45 but no more than 60 semester hours (60 to 75 quarter hours) as of the application deadline.
- ✓ If you have earned a bachelor's degree as of the application deadline, you are ineligible.

Application Procedures: Applications will be evaluated by a panel of scientists and engineers who are experts in one or more of the supported fields, based on the student's academic record and submitted test scores, reference reports, proposed research essay and contribution to DHS essay.

Deadlines: The competition cycle will be announced in the fall 2009 on the web site

Contact Information:

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The Elie Wiesel Prize for Humanity - www.eliewieselfoundation.org/

Description: Elie Wiesel and his wife, Marion established The Elie Wiesel Prize for Humanity, shortly after he was awarded the 1986 Nobel Prize for Peace. The Foundation's mission, rooted in the memory of the Holocaust, is to advance the cause of human rights by creating forums for the discussion and resolution of urgent ethical issues. The annual essay competition is designed to challenge college students to analyze urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world.

Dollar Value: \$5000 First Prize, \$2500 Second Prize, \$1500 Third Prize, and two Honorable Mentions of \$500 each.

Number of Scholarships: Five prizes are awarded.

Eligibility:

- ✓ The contest is open to undergraduate juniors and seniors who are enrolled full-time at accredited, four-year colleges or universities in the United States. Students must have registered junior or senior status during Autumn quarter.
- ✓ Application Procedures: Students must apply directly to The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. However, as a part of the application process, the student is required to have a professor review his or her essay and fill out a Faculty Sponsor Form. Any interested professor may act as a Faculty Sponsor and a maximum of two entries from any one professor per contest year will be accepted.
- ✓ The essay must be the original, unpublished work of the student, and 3000-4000 words in length. It may be developed from any point of view and can be written in the form of a case study, a personal experience or an analysis that is literary, philosophical, historical, biographical, theological, or psychological. Information and application can be found on the web at <http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/prizeinethics.aspx>

Deadline: Early January 2010

Contact:

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Elie Wiesel Prize for Humanity website: www.eliewieselfoundation.org/

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Eligible to apply for the Elie Wiesel Prize for Humanity

The guidelines state that "Registered undergraduate full-time juniors or seniors at accredited four-year colleges or universities in the United States during the fall 2006 semester" are eligible to enter the 2007 contest. Students must fill this requirement in order to have their essay and application accepted for The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest - no exceptions will be made.

Why would someone not eligible?

In designing the Contest, the Foundation felt that limiting entries to juniors and seniors would allow students two years to take classes and develop their views and understanding of ethics before competing in the Contest. Again, please remember that this is an **annual contest** and students are welcome to apply in the future.

What should applicants write about in their Essay?

The Foundation receives many inquiries regarding what students may write about in their essays. The topics provided by the Foundation each year are merely suggested topics - students may feel free to write about any topic as long as it pertains to ethics.

Who can be a Faculty Sponsor?

Any interested professor at the student's school may act as a Faculty Sponsor. Students entering the contest are required to have a Faculty Sponsor review their essay and sign the Entry Form. Faculty members should only endorse thought-provoking, well-written essays that fall within the contest guidelines. Students studying abroad may have professors at their home or abroad institution serve as their Faculty Sponsor.

Where can one find past winning Essays?

The names and essays for the current year's winners can be found on the website titled "This Year's Winners." All First, Second and Third Place winning essays from 1990 to the present are also available on our website, these essays are located under Past Winners. All essays are available in both html and PDF format.

Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program -

<http://www.orau.gov/NOAA/HollingsScholarship/>

Description: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ernest F. Hollings (Hollings) scholarship program is designed to: (1) increase undergraduate training in oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, and education and foster multidisciplinary training opportunities; (2) increase public understanding and support for stewardship of the ocean and atmosphere and improve environmental literacy; (3) recruit and prepare students for public service careers with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other natural resource and science agencies at the federal, state and local levels of government; and (4) recruit and prepare students for careers as teachers and educators in oceanic and atmospheric science and to improve scientific and environmental education in the United States.

Eligible undergraduates studying oceanic, environmental, biological, and atmospheric sciences, mathematics, engineering, remote sensing technology, physical and social sciences including geography, physics, hydrology, geomatics, or teacher education that support NOAA's programs and mission are encouraged to apply.

Dollar Value: Academic assistance (up to a maximum of \$8,000) per academic year for full-time study; housing during the summer internship; a 10-week, full-time internship position (\$650/week) during the summer at a NOAA or partner facility.

Number of Scholarships: About 100

Eligibility:

- ✓ U.S. citizenship.
- ✓ Full-time junior academic status in Fall 2006 in an accredited college or university within the United States or U.S. territories.
- ✓ Cumulative GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) in all completed undergraduate courses and major field of study.
- ✓ Majoring in a discipline area related to oceanic, environmental and atmospheric science, remote sensing technology and education, and supportive of the purposes of NOAA's programs and mission, e.g., biological, social, and physical sciences; mathematics; engineering; computer and information sciences; hydrology; geomatics; and teacher education.

Application Procedures: Applications will be accepted by mail or via e-mail. Please email application to StudentScholarshipPrograms@noaa.gov. The referee and academic institution must mail references and Official transcripts by February 9.

Deadline: January 2010.

Contact

NOAA/Hollings Scholarship, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education

P.O. Box 117, MS 36, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117

Phone: (301) 713-9437, ext. 125

E-mail: noaa.education@noaa.gov

Frequently Asked Questions

The eligibility requirements state that applicants must have full-time junior academic status in the upcoming Fall term. Would seniors in the upcoming Fall term be eligible to apply?

Eligible Hollings applicants include 3rd year students in a four-year academic program and 4th year students in a five-year academic program. To maintain eligibility, students must demonstrate full-time status for both academic years during which they are Hollings scholars. Applicants entering their 4th or 5th academic year in the Fall and expecting to graduate at the end of that same year are not eligible.

What are the requirements of the scholarship?

Award recipients are required to earn a 3.0 grade point average each semester or quarter, as well as cumulative **and** in the major field of study; participate in a one-week **mandatory** orientation program at NOAA headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland during the last week of May; visit the selected summer internship site during the winter or spring break; and complete a 10-week paid internship during the summer between the junior and senior years.

If student receive another scholarship from NOAA are they still eligible to receive a Hollings Scholarship?

No.

How will application be evaluated?

Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

1. Relevant course work (30%).
2. Education plan and statement of career interest of student (40%).
3. Recommendations and/or endorsements (reference forms) of student (20%).
4. Additional relevant experience related to diversity of education; extracurricular activities; honors and awards; non-academic and volunteer work; interpersonal, written, and oral communications skills (10%).

What selection factors might be considered in the determination of scholarship awards?

In determining final awards, the selecting official reserves the right to select candidates out of rank order based on availability of funds and program-specific objectives and to ensure reasonable distribution across academic disciplines, type of institution, and geographic location.

What are the requirements of the internship?

If selected as a Hollings scholar, scholars are required to visit the selected summer internship site during spring break, and complete a 10-week paid internship during the summer between junior and senior years.

What happens if a scholar fails to meet the eligibility requirements of the program after receiving a Hollings Scholarship award?

Award benefits will be contingent on compliance with all eligibility requirements.

How often do scholars receive the academic award and internship stipend payment?

During the academic year, scholars will receive their academic award payment at the start of each academic semester monthly from ORISE according to a prearranged schedule. During the summer internship, scholars will receive the stipend payment every two weeks from ORISE according to a prearranged schedule. Direct deposit is available for both the academic award payment and the internship stipend payment.

The Fulbright Grant - www.iie.org/fulbright/

Description: The Fulbright Program is designed to give students, artists, and other professional opportunities to pursue graduate study and research in over 100 nations. It is the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide.

Dollar Value: Most grants offered in the U.S. Student Program are Full or Teaching Assistantship grants. Generally, these grant benefits will include:

- ✓ Round-trip transportation to the host country
- ✓ Maintenance for the academic year, based on living costs in the host country
- ✓ Book and research allowances
- ✓ Health benefits package
- ✓ Mid-term enrichment activities in many countries or regions
- ✓ Full or partial tuition, in most cases (see relevant Country Summary for details)
- ✓ Language or orientation courses, where appropriate

Fulbright grants are payable in local currency or U.S. dollars, depending on the country of assignment.

Number of Scholarships: Every year, Fulbright offers over 1,300 Americans granters the ability to study abroad. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program operates in more than 140 countries worldwide and grants are available in all fields of study.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Be a U.S. Citizen at the time of application. Permanent residents are not eligible.
- ✓ Hold a B.A. degree or the equivalent before the start of the grant.
- ✓ Applicants who have not earned a B.A. degree, but who have extensive professional study and/or experience in the fields in which they wish to pursue a project, may be considered.
- ✓ In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional study and/or experience meets the eligibility requirement.
- ✓ Be in good health. Guarantees will be required to submit a satisfactory Medical Certificate of Health from a physician.
- ✓ Have sufficient proficiency in the written and spoken language of the host country to communicate with the people and to carry out the proposed study. This is especially important for projects in the social sciences and the humanities.

Application Procedures: Read IIE's (the sponsor of this national scholarship program) Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad website for helpful information. Students who will be enrolled in the fall quarter must go through the campus nominating process. All applications materials must be submitted by the campus deadline. Applicants who have recently earned the Bachelor's degree from the UW will be given the option this year to go through the campus nominating process. Recent graduates are encouraged to take advantage of the campus nominating process. Doing so will result in constructive feedback and will put you in contact with people very familiar with the national Fulbright competition. Additionally, a campus rating form will be added to your application materials.

Deadline: October, 2009

Contact:

IIE/Headquarters

809 United Nations Plaza

New York, NY 10017-3580

Tel: 212-984-5330

<http://www.iie.org>

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the Fulbright Grant cover? At a minimum, Fulbright grants provide funds for international transportation, a living stipend, a small book/research allowance, and medical insurance. Some countries will also provide tuition assistance, a small dependent's allowance, a pre-departure or in-country orientation, or other grant enhancements.

The proposed project doesn't really offer anything in the way of promoting cultural understanding (e.g. hard science projects). Would the applicant still be a competitive candidate? Certainly, there are other ways to promote mutual and cultural understanding outside of the project. Grantees are encouraged to get involved in cultural and/or community activities, such as teaching English or American Studies, volunteering with a non-profit organization, or giving presentations to local groups or in schools. Everyone can do this no matter the nature of their projects and should address ways that engagement in the host community can occur in the proposal.

The candidate is not currently enrolled not planning to enroll in a graduate program. Are they still eligible? Candidates do not need to be currently enrolled in a college or university to apply for a Fulbright grant nor do they have to plan on attending graduate school in the near future.

The candidate is applying for the English Teaching Assistance and not conducting a full project – how should the Statement of Proposed Study be approached?

The teaching assignment is the reason for the grant. Therefore, include any or all of the following in the Statement. “Why you would like be a language-teaching assistant abroad. Why you have chosen the particular country. How your background and academic preparation relates to the particular ETA country program and the responsibilities that you are expected to carry out. How you expect to benefit from the assignment, what use you will make of the experience upon your return to the United States.”

Is a teaching certificate needed to apply?

No. Some programs do not require any teaching experience (e.g. South Korea, France, Germany). Others prefer some experience in teaching, tutoring, and/or coursework in education. Successful applicants will demonstrate an interest in teaching and language learning and be creative, innovative self-starters. Teaching assignments differ according to country, so read the summaries for specific preferences and requirements.

Could an applicant apply for both an English Teaching Assistantship and a full grant?

No. Applicants may only submit a single proposal per year, so you must choose between the English Teaching Assistantship and the full grant. Both types of grants are submitted using the same application form.

The proposed project can be done in a number of countries. How should country for which I apply be chosen? Competitiveness within a country or region may play a role in where you may wish to apply. Choose the country that best suits the project and the one where the resources necessary for its successful completion exist. Selection committees will consider the specific reasons the candidate has stated for applying to go to a country, as well as the feasibility of the project and the academic preparation to undertake the project. Language skills may also be a factor in the selection of the country.

The applicant has a master's degree in TESOL or has been a teacher for five years.

This is a Teaching Assistantship, not a teaching position. If you have a TESOL degree and/or significant teaching experience (more than five years), you may wish to consider one of other Fulbright Teaching awards (www.fulbrightexchanges.org/), or programs through the Office of English Language Programs at the Department of State <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching/> or a full Fulbright research grant.

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship- <http://www.gatesscholar.org/>

Description: This scholarship was created in perpetuity as an international scholarship program to enable outstanding graduate students from outside the United Kingdom to study at the University of Cambridge. The Trustees are required to award scholarships on the basis of a person's intellectual ability, leadership capacity and desire to use their knowledge to contribute to society throughout the world by providing service to their communities and applying their talents and knowledge to improve the lives of others.

Dollar value: The scholarship covers the full cost of study at Cambridge for a single person in terms of all approved University and College tuition fees, a maintenance allowance (£12,250 for 12 months); a further discretionary allowance for study-related activities (£2,200 per year) and one return economy airfare between the UK and the Scholar's normal country of residence.

Number of scholarships: 100 new scholars each year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ The Gates Cambridge Scholarships are available for graduate study or for study for a second Bachelor's Degree as an Affiliated Student at the University of Cambridge.
- ✓ Applicants from every country of the world, except the United Kingdom, are eligible to apply.
- ✓ Candidates should normally be under the age of 30.
- ✓ To qualify for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, students must be admitted to Cambridge through the University's normal academic procedures. Consequently, applicants must meet the academic criteria for admission specified by the University. Candidates must be well prepared for the course for which they are applying at Cambridge.
- ✓ All candidates must have, or expect to obtain before beginning study in Cambridge, a Bachelor degree, or its equivalent, from a recognized university.
- ✓ Candidates will be expected to have excellent transcripts with high GPA scores showing evidence of sustained achievement in study

Application procedures: Applicants from the United States of America who have not previously studied at the University of Cambridge who wish to apply for admission as a graduate student and for awards offered by the Cambridge Trusts must complete and submit a Graduate Admission and Scholarship Application Form (GRADSAF) to the Board of Graduate Studies.

National Deadline: October 15, 2009

Contact:

Gates Cambridge Trust
PO BOX 252
Cambridge CB2 1TZ England
Email: info@gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk

The George J. Mitchell Scholarship –

<http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=34>

Description: Named to honor the former US Senator's pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, the George J. Mitchell Scholarships are intended to familiarize and connect the next generation of American leadership with the island of Ireland. These scholarships support one year of graduate study in any discipline offered by an institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland.

Dollar value: The scholarship is non-renewable and covers tuition, room and board and provides a \$12,000 stipend to finance other necessary expenses throughout the term of study. The award is for twelve months and can be used toward a one-year MA program in any discipline.

Number of scholarships: Twelve scholarships are being offered this year. There is a five percent acceptance ratio that is similar to other foundations. There are nine universities in Ireland that students can attend.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Be a US citizen
- ✓ Be 18 years of age or older but not yet 30 on October 1, 2009.
- ✓ Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholar.
- ✓ While married applicants are accepted, no allowance is made for the expenses of a married applicant's spouse or dependent. It is important to note that spouses who are non-EU citizens are required to obtain a work permit before seeking paid employment in Ireland or Northern Ireland.

Application Procedures: The application consists of 5 sections: Personal Information; Education and Employment; Registration of Recommenders/Institutional Endorser; Awards and Activities; and Personal Statement. All sections must be completed before the applicant can submit the application. The Mitchell Scholarship program only accepts online applications. No printed copies of the application, including letters of recommendation, will be accepted.

Deadline: October 5, 2009

Contact:

Trina Vargo, President

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Mary Lou Hartman, Director of George Mitchell Scholarship program

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Frequently Asked Questions

What does the program seek in a George Mitchell Scholar?

We look for persuasive, documented evidence of significant achievement in three areas: academic, leadership, and commitment to community and service. Academic excellence, leadership and community service are equally important criteria.

Does a candidate have to be accepted to the institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland prior to applying for the Mitchell Scholarship?

No, the applicant does not have to apply for university admission at any point during the application process. A candidate's assignment to a university in Ireland or Northern Ireland is part of the selection process. We urge candidates to list at least three universities as possible places to study. Although we try to honor the candidate's university rankings, candidates are not guaranteed their first choice. If a candidate is selected to be a Mitchell Scholar, the Mitchell program assigns the Scholar to one of the programs listed by the candidate on his/her application and then forwards the candidate's application to the selected Irish/Northern Ireland University for final review and approval.

Can the candidate pursue a graduate program in Ireland unrelated to an undergraduate major?

An applicant must demonstrate sufficient undergraduate or non-academic preparation to study for the designated graduate degree. Although this may be in a field different than the applicant's undergraduate major, the applicant still should have the necessary academic or professional training for the proposed graduate study.

Is the Mitchell Scholarship only available to those students interested in pursuing a master's degree? What happens if the master's program is a two-year program? Could they still apply for a Mitchell Scholarship?

All Mitchell Scholars must be working in a program offered by a university in Ireland or Northern Ireland. Usually, this will be a one-year Master's degree program, but other options may be considered if the applicant has the undergraduate background required for the proposed field of study. The Scholarship, however, does not support research or independent study outside a regular program. Applicants should closely examine the degree residence requirements because master's programs can be for one or two years. The Mitchell Scholarship provides tuition, housing, and a living expenses stipend for one year only.

Does every applicant need to submit a letter of institutional endorsement?

An applicant who is a full-time student at the time of application must submit an institutional endorsement. The applicant must be endorsed by an institution where he or she will have completed two years of full-time study before October 1, 2006. The applicant must register an Institutional Endorsement contact using the online recommendation system contained with the online application.

If a finalist is out of the country, is there any arrangement for telephone interviews by the Committee?

A finalist must be present for the Selection Committee interview in Washington, DC, at the appointed time.

Can an unsuccessful candidate reapply?

Yes, as long as the candidate remains eligible, but all required documents must again be submitted.

Can a Mitchell Scholar work during the year in Ireland?

In Ireland, foreign students may work part-time during the academic year and full-time during vacation periods. Because the Mitchell Scholarship provides an ample stipend to cover living expenses, we strongly encourage Mitchell Scholars to leave enough time in their schedules to participate in Mitchell events, become involved in the communities in which they live and study, and explore the island and travel.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship – <http://www.truman.gov>

Description: The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service. They will receive leadership training, graduate school counseling, preferential admission, and merit based aid to some premier graduate institutions, and internship opportunities with federal agencies. Scholars are required to work in public service for three of seven years following completion of a Foundation funded graduate degree program as a condition of receiving funding. The Foundation defines public service as employment in government at any level, uniformed services, public-interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, public and private school, and public service oriented non-profit organizations.

Dollar value: The Foundation awards \$30,000 merit-based scholarships to college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

Number of scholarships: Seventy to seventy-five scholarships

Eligibility: A Truman scholarship nominee must be:

- ✓ A junior pursuing a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution;
- ✓ Nominated by the Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative at his or her respective institution;
- ✓ In the upper quarter of his or her class;
- ✓ A United States citizen, permanent resident or a United States national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Resident aliens (green card holders) are not eligible.

A good candidate for the Truman Scholarship also:

- ✓ Has an extensive records of public and community service;
- ✓ Has an outstanding leadership potential and communication skills; and
- ✓ Committed to careers in government or elsewhere in public service, as defined by the Foundation.

Application Procedures: Candidates must first be nominated by the Truman Faculty Representative at their institution. Each accredited four-year institution may nominate up to four students for the 2010 awards. Four-year institutions may also nominate three additional students who completed their first two years at a community college. Institutions may nominate candidates who are participating in junior year abroad programs.

Important Dates:

- Foundation deadline: February 2, 2010
- Campus will likely have an earlier deadline for submission of materials to the Truman Faculty Representative.

Contact:

The Harry S. Truman Foundation
12 Jackson Place, NW Washington, DC 20006
Phone: (202) 395-4831 Fax: (202) 395-6995
Email: office@truman.gov

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation?

It is the official federal memorial to our 33rd president. The Foundation is a federal executive branch agency that administers the Truman Scholarship program. The agency is governed by a board of trustees appointed by the President of the United States and Congress, endowed by a \$55 million trust in the U.S. Treasury, and supported by a program staff of six and more than 100 distinguished public servants and former Truman Scholars who participate in the selection process.

Who are Truman Scholars?

They are persons who have been recognized by the Truman Scholarship Foundation as future "change agents." They have the passion, intellect, and leadership potential that in time should enable them to improve the ways that public entities--be they government agencies, nonprofit organizations, public and private primary and secondary schools, or advocacy organizations--serve the public good.

How does the Foundation define "public service"?

The Foundation defines "public service" as employment in government at any level, uniformed services, public interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, public and private schools, and public service oriented nonprofit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help needy or disadvantaged persons or to protect the environment.

How important is the public service record?

A Candidate's public service record is one of the most important criteria for selection. Students without an extensive public service background will not be successful Candidates - regardless of GPA or other accomplishments. Unlike other gaps in the application (a lower class rank, no government internship experience, etc.), a lack of public service cannot be ameliorated by achievement elsewhere.

How important are grades?

The Truman does not have a minimum GPA requirement - and grades are considered less important than either the Candidate's public service experiences or her leadership record. Candidates are evaluated on their ability to receive outstanding marks in challenging coursework related to their field of interest rather than an overall GPA. But, the Truman is an intensely competitive Scholarship that does consider the Candidate's chance of success at a highly selective graduate school as one of its criteria. Candidates are generally rank within the top 15% and often have GPAs of 3.8 or higher.

Are students participating in junior year abroad or five year degree programs eligible?

Yes. About one-quarter of recent Truman Scholars were off-campus in the fall of their junior year when they prepared their application. They worked closely with their Faculty Representative in the spring of the sophomore year while they were on campus and then relied on e-mail, fax, phone, and/or regular mail during the fall. Students who are in five-year programs and spend time on more than one campus are also eligible to apply in their third year.

Is there a service requirement for the Truman Scholarship?

Scholars selected from 2005 on are required to work in public service for three of the seven years following completion of a Foundation funded graduate degree program as a condition of receiving Truman funds. Scholars who do not meet this service requirement, or who fail to provide timely proof to the Foundation of such employment, will be required to repay funds received along with interest. The Foundation will have an appeals process for special circumstances.

There has never been a Truman Scholar from my school. Do I have a chance?

Almost every year the Foundation selects 6 to 10 Scholars from schools that have never had a Truman Scholar.

Can a candidate apply more than once?

Unsuccessful candidates may not apply again.

Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowships - <http://www.hertzfdn.org>

Description: Graduate Fellowships of the Hertz Foundation are widely considered to be among the most prestigious offered anywhere. The Foundation's standing policy is that they will be structured to be the most attractive in their class in both material terms and duration of tenure. The Hertz Foundation's Graduate Fellowship award, which is based on merit (not need) consists of a cost-of-education allowance and a personal-support stipend. The cost-of-education allowance is accepted by all of the tenable schools in lieu of all fees and tuition. Hertz Fellows therefore have no liability for any ordinary educational costs, regardless of their choice among tenable schools.

Dollar Value: Successful applicants have the choice of two Fellowship options:

- ✓ Option 1 - Five Year Hertz -- \$31,000/9-month personal stipend; Full tuition equivalent; Renewable annually for up to 5 years
- ✓ Option 2 - Five-Year Coordinated: This option requires awardee to accept a 3-year Fellowship from another source. *Hertz Period - Two Years* -- \$36,000/9-month personal stipend; Full tuition equivalent; plus *Other Fellowship Period - Up to Three Years* -- \$3,500/ year supplemental stipend from Hertz.

Number of Scholarships: Varies, between 60 and 80 per year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ U.S. citizens or permanent residents;
- ✓ Graduating seniors wishing to pursue the Ph.D. degree as well as current graduate students;
- ✓ Students working towards the Ph.D. degree in the applied physical sciences and engineering sciences, as well as those aspects of modern biology which apply the physical sciences intensively.
- ✓ The Scholarship does not support students pursuing advanced professional degrees other than the Ph.D., such as enrollees in M.D., LL.D. or MBA programs, although it will support the Ph.D. portion of a joint M.D./Ph.D. study program.

Application Procedures: The annual competition for Graduate Fellowships begins with the application period, which opens each year in August at which time a deadline consistent with those of NSF and other fellowship granting organizations will be posted. Applications are submitted through an online application process.

Deadline: October 30, 2009

Contact:

Fannie and John Hertz Foundation
2456 Research Drive
Livermore, CA 94550-3850
phone: 925-373-1642
fax: 925-373-6329

Frequently Asked Questions

Are 1st year grad students eligible for the Fannie & John Hertz Fellowship?

Yes, they are still eligible to apply as a first year grad student. Please refer to the application for specifics on the tenable school choice.

Can a graduate student still apply if they cannot transfer schools?

They can still apply, but the system requires them list a tenable school choice. If the first choice of graduate school is not presently a Hertz tenable school, there is a point on the application where this school's name can be entered. Applicants can expected to concisely defend this unconstrained choice later in the application, indicating what this school offers that is not offered by any of the tenable schools.

Can letters written on the candidates' behalf in a non-Hertz format be submitted?

The Foundation expects each of the Referees will use the format to submit their information, answering all of the specific questions. The Foundation can accept the existing letters that are mention as supplemental information only. The applicant should register the four references using the system provided. If there are additional recommenders that would like to submit a paper application, contact the Foundation and a PDF form can be sent to the recommender.

Will additional recommendations be accepted after the deadline?

The Foundation will continue to accept recommendations after the deadline, but they may not be considered in the decisions of which applicants to interview. Those decisions are made in the first two weeks in November.

When can candidates expect to hear back from the foundation regarding their application?

Interviewees will be selected by mid-November. Applicants should hear from the Foundation regarding your status before the end of the year.

Is it OK to use GRE scores for the exam that will be taken in November?

The Foundation will continue to accept GREs after the deadline. Initial interview decisions will be made in mid-November. Every Fellowship applicant is required to take at least the aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination and to have the results sent to the Foundation. The Foundation ID is #4366. We accept subject test scores, but do not require them.

Would an applicant have to finish the Masters before applying for a Fellowship?

The Master's work is a part of the Fellowship as long as it is an integral part of a program to obtain a PhD.

Is a first year PhD student still eligible for a Hertz Fellowship?

First year PhD students are generally beyond the first year of graduate school; unless the MS degree was awarded at the same time as your BS, BA, or equivalent. Note that Hertz Fellowships are rarely granted to students beyond their first year of graduate school, and then only in cases of "exceptional leverage" (Leverage meaning what difference the award of the Hertz Fellowship is likely to make in the kind, quality, and/or personal creativity of the student's graduate research.) The transcript page in the application, which asks for the degree(s) earned at the schools listed, is the place to enter the Masters degree information.

Are grants offered to non-Americans?

Eligible applicants for Hertz Fellowships must be students of the applied physical sciences or engineering who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States of America.

Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship - <http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org>

Description: To fulfill its mission, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation identifies and supports young people of exceptional promise, application, deportment, and character who have financial need and demonstrated excellence in academic endeavors and extracurricular activities.

Dollar Value: The scholarship awards provide funding for tuition, room and board, books, and other required fees for the length of the graduate degree program, up to six years. The amount and duration of awards will vary by student, based on the cost of attendance and length of the program as well as other scholarships or grants received. The maximum award is \$50,000 per year.

Number of Scholarships: The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship Program awards approximately 30 scholarships to college seniors or recent graduates who will be attending graduate programs in the following fall.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Be nominated by his or her undergraduate institution,
- ✓ Senior standing or have graduated from an accredited four-year US college or university within the past five years
- ✓ Have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent),
- ✓ Plan to begin a full-time graduate degree program in fall 2009, and
- ✓ **Not have previously been nominated** for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship.

Application Procedures: Accredited US undergraduate institutions appoint a faculty representative to lead the nomination process and serve as liaison between the institution and the Foundation. Student applicants who have been through a campus nomination process will only be considered.

Deadlines: The Foundation's deadline for receipt of applications is March 2010. Each college or university designates its own internal deadline, generally several weeks prior to the Foundation's deadline, to allow time to assess internal candidates before submitting nominations.

Contact Information:

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44325 Woodridge Parkway
Lansdowne, Virginia 20176

Phone numbers:

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Email: jkc@jackkentcookefoundation.org

Frequently Asked Questions

Who was Jack Kent Cooke?

Mr. Cooke was a philanthropist, businessman, and devotee of learning and the arts who left the bulk of his estate to establish the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education.

Can an application be submitted directly to the Foundation, without first being nominated by a university?

The Foundation will only consider applicants who have been nominated by their institution's designated faculty representative. Other applications will not be considered. Potential applicants should contact the designated faculty representative at your undergraduate college or university to inquire about the institution's internal nomination process and deadline.

How much support does the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship provide?

Each award will fund a portion of educational costs, including tuition, room and board, books, and other required fees for the length of the graduate degree program, up to six years. The amount and duration of awards vary by student, based on the cost of attendance and the length of the program as well as other scholarships or grants received. The maximum available per student is \$50,000 per year. Most awards are for fewer than six years and less than \$50,000 per year.

Are there limits on the types of graduate degrees or universities the Foundation will consider?

Scholars may use the award to attend any accredited graduate school in the US or abroad to pursue any graduate or professional degree, in fields from fine arts to medicine to history.

How does the Foundation determine unmet financial need?

The Foundation considers academic excellence first in evaluating candidates. However, to be competitive, nominees must also show unmet financial need, which has **two components**:

- ✓ Education costs that **exceed to an appreciable degree** other grant awards, **and**
- ✓ Insufficient student and family income **to meet educational costs**.

Related facts:

- ✓ Students receiving full funding for their proposed graduate programs **will not be competitive** for this scholarship, as they will have no unmet need.
- ✓ One **possible indicator** that candidates have financial need is that they have received **need-based aid** while in college.
- ✓ Please note: While **non-US citizens** may be ineligible for many types of aid, their financial situation **often meets** the Foundation's financial need criteria.

As an independent student, will an applicant still need to have parents complete the financial information forms regardless of whether they receive support from them?

The parents of all applicants must complete the financial information forms. Even for financially independent applicants, the parental information figures into the assessment of need. However, the Foundation realizes that applicants may be financially independent from their parents and consider parental income less important for such students.

Why does the Foundation require financial information from my parents?

The Foundation requires both student and parent financial information for many reasons. One reason is that research shows that the lower the **student's or parent's income**, the lower the chance the student has of completing a college degree.

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program - www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsjavits/index.html

Description: The Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program provides financial assistance to students who have demonstrated (1) superior academic ability and achievement; (2) exceptional promise; and (3) financial need to undertake graduate study leading to a doctoral degree or a master's degree in which the master's degree is the terminal highest degree in the selected field of study. This program provides fellowships to students of superior academic ability—selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise—to undertake study at the doctoral and Master of Fine Arts level in selected fields of arts, humanities, and social sciences.

Dollar Value: The fellowship consists of an institutional payment and a stipend. In fiscal year 2007, the institutional payment was \$12,627 and the maximum stipend was \$30,000. For fiscal year 2008, the maximum stipend will be \$30,000, and the institutional payment will be \$12,891.

Number of Scholarships: Varies, between 44 and 60.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Undergraduate students about to enter graduate school and graduate students who have not yet completed their first year of graduate study and who intend to pursue a doctoral or master's degree, if the master's degree is the terminal or highest degree awarded in an approved field, may apply.
- ✓ U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents of the U.S., or citizens of any one of the Freely Associated States.
- ✓ Applicants must be eligible to be accepted to or currently attending a graduate program leading to a doctorate or a terminal master's degree in an eligible field of study at an institution of higher education approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of the Department of Education. Applicants attending a foreign institution are ineligible..
- ✓ Individuals who, as Javits fellows, will be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance pursuant to Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Students who have already received a Javits fellowship in previous years are not eligible.
- ✓ Eligibility is limited to students in the arts, humanities, and social sciences fields.

Application Procedures: The Department requires that the Javits Fellowship application be submitted in hardcopy only. A complete application package must contain: applicant information, transcripts, graduate record examination scores, personal statement, three letters of recommendation, and certifications and assurances. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required as part of the application for a Javits fellowship in order to complete the financial needs calculation.

Deadline: Early October, 2009.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply for a Jacob K. Javits fellowship?

- ✓ Have a combination baccalaureate/master's degree program. **YES**
- ✓ Have a master's degree and have been working. **YES**
- ✓ Have a Ph.D. (or a terminal master's degree) but not in an eligible field of study. **YES**
- ✓ Had a Javits fellowship in past years, but did not complete the Ph.D. before it ended. **NO**
- ✓ Currently enrolled in the first year of graduate school? **YES**
- ✓ Currently receiving financial aid in the form of loans and payment for the loans is not over due. **YES**
- ✓ Pursuing a Masters in Social Work. **NO**

How is financial need determined in the Javits Fellowship Program?

By law, financial need is determined using Part F of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Each applicant must submit a FAFSA and receive the resulting Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Your institution will later use the EFC in calculating the stipend. For the purpose of making new fellowship awards, the Department of Education considers a student as eligible whose EFC that is less than the maximum fellowship.

Are parent's financial information included in calculating my Estimated Family Contribution?

No. Students entering graduate school are automatically considered independent in the federal student aid processing system.

Haven't received GRE scores/transcripts/letters of recommendation yet, and the deadline date is fast approaching. What can be done?

The application instructions clearly state that all required materials must be included in the application package. The applicant is responsible for collecting the required information in time for the deadline.

Must the Department of Education receive the application by the deadline date?

The application must be postmarked by the deadline date.

Within the guidelines of the various types of supporting materials, must only one type be submitted? For instance, submit ten slides in addition to a five-minute VHS tape?

No. Please supply the medium that best demonstrates the talent or accomplishments.

The office that sends out letters of recommendation at my school will not give file letters to the applicant for inclusion the application and insists on mailing them directly?

The Department of Education suggest showing the responsible office the Javits Fellowship application instructions requiring the letters as part of the application package. Also request that professors rewrite letters of recommendation specifically for the Javits application.

When are new fellowship awards announced?

The Department of Education must announce new awards by March 1 of the academic year preceding the academic year for which the fellowship is awarded. Successful applicants typically are notified by telephone and later receive a letter containing further instructions. The Department of Education mails all other applicants a letter.

How is the fellowship renewed for next year?

The Javits Coordinator at your school will submit a request on Fellows behalf to the U.S. Department of Education prior to each year of the fellowship. The school will request fellowship funds based on an annual filing/update of the Fellows' FAFSA. Fellows must submit the renewal information to the school upon request.

The James Madison Junior Fellowship Program - www.jamesmadison.com/

Description: The James Madison Fellowships were created to honor Madison's legacy and Madisonian principles by providing support for graduate study that focuses on the Constitution—its history and contemporary relevance to the practices and policies of democratic government. The Foundation offers two types of fellowships.

The first is the Junior Fellowship, which is awarded to students who are about to complete, or have completed their undergraduate course of study and plan to begin graduate work on a full-time basis. Junior Fellows have two years to complete their degree.

The second fellowship is the Senior Fellowship, which is awarded to teachers who wish to undertake work for a graduate degree on a part-time basis through summer and evening classes. Senior Fellows have up to five years to complete their degree.

Dollar value: The maximum amount of each award is \$24,000, prorated over the individual period of study, thus making the James Madison Fellowship the leading award for secondary level teacher undertaking the study of the Constitution. Fellowship payments cover the actual cost of tuition, required fees, books, and room and board, but cannot exceed \$12,000 per academic year. Normally, Fellows receive less than these maximum amounts.

Number of Fellowships: Each year, the Foundation selects at least one James Madison Fellow, either a junior or a senior, from each state, the District of Columbia, The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, considered as a single entity, Guam, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Funds permitting, more than one fellowship may be awarded in jurisdictions with larger populations.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or national.
- ✓ Applicant must be a teacher, or planning to become a teacher, of American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary school level.
- ✓ If the applicant already has a graduate degree, they must wait at least three years from the time that degree was awarded before applying for a fellowship.
- ✓ Applicant must either currently possess a bachelor's degree, or plan to receive a bachelor's degree no later than August 31 of the year in which they are applying.

Application Procedure: All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by March 1 through the Madison online application process.

Deadline: March 1, 2010

Contact:

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For general information, call 1-800-525-6928
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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply for a James Madison Memorial Fellowship?

U.S. citizens who demonstrate a commitment to civic responsibilities and to professional and collegial activities and who qualify for admission with graduate standing at an accredited U.S. university that offers a qualifying master's degree program are eligible to apply. Applicants must be committed to teaching American history, American government, and/or social studies full time in grades 7-12.

Why are there two types of fellowships (junior and senior) and what's the difference between the two?

There are two types of fellowships to recognize the different challenges and circumstances between those without teaching experience and those currently teaching who seek to pursue graduate study. Junior fellowships are awarded to outstanding college seniors and college graduates without teaching experience who intend to become secondary school teachers of American history, American government, or social studies in grades 7-12. Junior Fellows must complete graduate study within 2 academic years of full-time study. Senior fellowships are awarded to superior current teachers who must be able to complete graduate study within 5 calendar years of part-time study.

What is a "qualifying master's degree program"?

The fellowships are intended exclusively for graduate study leading to a master's degree. James Madison Fellows may attend any accredited institution of higher education in the United States. Each individual will be expected to pursue and complete a master's degree in one of the following (listed in order of the Foundation's preference): Master of Arts (MA) in American history or in political science (also referred to as "government and politics" or as "government") Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) concentrating on either American Constitutional history (in a history department) or American government, political institutions, and political theory (in a political science department) Master of Education (MEd) or the Master of Arts or Master of Science in Education with a concentration in American history or American government, political institutions, and political theory

What are the selection criteria?

Applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence. Applicants are evaluated on their demonstrated commitment to a career teaching American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary school level; demonstrated intent to pursue and complete a program of graduate study that emphasizes the Constitution and offers instruction in that subject; demonstrated devotion to civic responsibility; demonstrated capacity for study and performance as classroom teachers, and their proposed courses of graduate study.

What are a Fellow's obligations to the Foundation during his/her graduate education?

Each Fellow must make satisfactory progress toward the degree and remain in good academic standing and must complete the graduate degree study within the amount of time indicated above. Junior Fellows may not be engaged in gainful employment that interferes with the Fellow's studies. In addition, each Fellow is required to attend the Foundation's Summer Institute during the term of fellowship. Fellows are expected to attend the Summer Institute the summer after the year of their award and the commencement of their first year of graduate study. The four-week Summer Institute is held in July at Georgetown University.

What is a Fellow's obligation after graduate study is completed?

After receiving the master's degree, each Fellow must teach American history, American government, or social studies in grades 7-12 for one full year for each academic year of aid received under a fellowship, preferably in the state from which the recipient won the fellowship. Teaching during the term of the fellowship study does not count toward satisfaction of this obligation, nor does transfer into an administrative position or to college or university teaching.

Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship -

<http://www.faa.uiuc.edu/Faculty+and+Staff/Administration>

Description: The Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship provide meaningful opportunities for individuals holding a bachelor's degree in the fine and applied arts to enhance their professional status, to aid their pursuit of an advanced degree, or to finance a special project within the field. Fellows may pursue their projects either in America or abroad.

Dollar Value: Three major Fellowships will be awarded, one of \$20,000 in any field of music; one of \$20,000 in instrumental or vocal music, architectural design and history, art and design, theatre, or dance; and one of \$9,000 in art, architecture, dance, landscape architecture, theatre, or urban and regional planning. The Fellowships are to be used by the recipients toward defraying the expenses of advanced study in America or abroad.

Number of Scholarships: Three major fellowships will be awarded.

Eligibility:

- ✓ The Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship competition is open to graduates of the College of Fine and Applied Arts of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and to graduates of similar institutions of equal educational standing in the following fields: Architecture — Design or History; Art — all branches; Dance — Choreography, Performance, Performance-Choreography; Landscape Architecture — History, Culture and Heritage, Sustainable Design, or Design Theory and Practice; Music — all branches; Theatre — Acting, Design, Playwriting, or Theatre Research/History; Urban and Regional Planning — all branches.
- ✓ A Bachelor's degree in Architecture, Art, Dance, Landscape Architecture, Music, Theatre, or Urban and Regional Planning is required.
- ✓ Applications are accepted from individuals of all ages, but preference is given to applicants under 25 years old.
- ✓ Selection is based upon the applicant's high achievement in his/her major field of study or related cultural fields, as well as the character, merit and suitability of the program proposed by the applicant. Seriousness of purpose and good moral character will be considered as part of each application and will be included in the judgment of the Committee.
- ✓ The candidates who, in the opinion of the Committee, appear to possess the greatest promise and the greatest likelihood to benefit from the Fellowship will be recommended to the Chancellor and Provost at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as recipients. Group work is not eligible for submission.

Application Procedures: The application for the Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship is available online at the website of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's College of Fine and Applied Arts at <http://www.faa.uiuc.edu/Faculty+and+Staff/Administration>

Deadline: December 3, 2009.

Contact:

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Knowles Math & Science Teaching Fellowship Program –

http://www.kstf.org/teaching_fellowships_home.aspx

Description: In the United States, approximately half of all secondary teachers leave the teaching profession within five years. Research on issues of recruitment, retention and induction of secondary science and mathematics teachers indicates that among key challenges facing beginning teachers are a sense of professional isolation and a lack of support and mentoring. The Knowles Science Teaching Foundation (KSTF) Teaching Fellowship program was explicitly designed to meet these needs of beginning high school science and mathematics teachers as they earn a teaching credential and through the early years of their career.

KSTF Teaching Fellowship program seeks to support those who have a degree in a physical science (for example, physics, chemistry or astronomy) or engineering and who want to teach high school physics, physical science, chemistry and/or Earth science. In addition, the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation is recruiting their fourth mathematics-teaching cohort. Those with at least a bachelor's degree in mathematics who want to teach high school mathematics are eligible. The fellowship supports them professionally and financially for up to five years through a teacher preparation program to eligibility for tenure.

Dollar Value: Tuition assistance and monthly stipend while participating in a recognized teacher preparation program. Fellows receive room, board and travel expenses to annual fall and spring fellows' meetings.

Number of Scholarships: Each year the Foundation selects 9 to 14 new Science Teaching Fellows and 9 to 14 new Math Teaching Fellows.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Young men and women who have earned or are in the process of earning a degree in one of the physical sciences such as physics, chemistry, astronomy, geology, engineering and/or mathematics from a recognized institution of higher education. KSTF does not currently provide teaching fellowships for the biological sciences.
- ✓ Applicants should have received their most recent degree within the past five years (between Spring 2005 and Summer 2010). Also an applicant might be in the final year of an undergraduate, master's, combined BS with MAT or MEd program or near the completion of a doctoral program. Applicants who will be in their first year of teaching in academic year 2010-2011 are also eligible.

Application Procedures: For full consideration, only application materials submitted online by January 13, 2010 will be considered. Applications for the 2010 KSTF Teaching Fellowships will be accepted beginning August 1, 2009

Deadline: January 13, 2010 at 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time

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Frequently Asked Questions

What type of person is a good candidate for a KSTF Teaching Fellowship?

KSTF Teaching Fellows are individuals with a strong background in mathematics or science who demonstrate a commitment to improving high school science and mathematics education in the United States. An ideal candidate can demonstrate leadership and achievement in past endeavors, has experience with adolescents and/or teaching, and can articulate his/her motivation for becoming a teacher.

Is the fellowship need-based?

KSTF Teaching Fellowships are NOT awarded based on need (financial or otherwise), but rather on ability and promise.

Who is eligible to apply for a Teaching Fellowship?

Individuals are eligible to apply for a Teaching Fellowship if they will have earned at least a bachelor's degree in a physical science, mathematics or engineering before the fellowship begins in June. In addition, candidates must enroll in a secondary teacher credential program before the fellowship is awarded. Individuals who have completed the fourth year of a five-year combined bachelors and credential program by the start of the fellowship are also eligible to apply. Those who are currently enrolled in a teacher education program and will be first-year teachers in fall also are welcome to apply. KSTF does not currently support Teaching Fellowships for the biological sciences.

Are non-U.S. citizens eligible if their bachelor's degree is not from a college or university in the United States?

Individuals who are not citizens or who hold degrees from outside the United States are still eligible. However, they must be committed to teaching science or mathematics in U.S. high schools.

Do you only accept recent college graduates?

Applicants must be within five years of their most recent degree in science, engineering or mathematics. However, some of our fellows have recently completed masters or doctoral degrees. The fellowship is not intended for individuals who have long-established careers and are considering a career change to teaching.

Are applicants with no previous teaching experience or prior coursework in education eligible?

Yes. Individuals with no formal education coursework or experience in teaching are encouraged to apply. The Fellowship is intended to attract individuals with strong mathematics or science backgrounds into the teaching profession.

Are current teachers eligible?

New teachers who are not yet certified, but are working on coursework leading to a teaching license, are eligible to apply. KSTF offers up to two years of tuition assistance for coursework leading to certification, even for teachers who are studying part-time. However, only full-time students receive a monthly stipend.

Are current teachers with teaching certificate eligible?

Certified math or science teachers are not eligible for KSTF Teaching Fellowships.

What about teaching under an emergency certification?

Teachers working under emergency certification who wish to earn their full teaching credential are eligible to apply.

Marshall Scholarships – <http://www.marshallscholarship.org>

Description: The purpose of the Marshall Scholarship is to finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom in a system of higher education recognized for its excellence. The Marshall Scholarships serve as a way to commemorate the humane ideals of the Marshall plan conceived by General George C. Marshall. They express the continuing gratitude of the British people to their American counterparts.

The scholarships have five main purposes: (1) to enable intellectually distinguished Americans, their country's future leaders, to study in the U.K.; (2) to help scholars gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain; (3) to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, and humanities and social sciences and the creative arts at Britain's center of academic excellence; (4) to motivate scholars to act as ambassadors from the U.S. to the U.K. and vice versa throughout their lives thus strengthening British American understanding; and (5) to promote the personal and academic fulfillment of each scholar.

Dollar value: The scholarships are tenable at any British university and cover two years of study in any discipline, mostly at graduate level, leading to the award of a British university degree. The total value of a Marshall Scholarship varies a little according to the university selected by each Scholar but the figure tends to average to be about £20,000.

Number of scholarships: approximately 40

Eligibility:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen;
- ✓ Hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States by the time the scholarship is taken up;
- ✓ Have a GPA of not less than 3.7 on their undergraduate degree;
- ✓ Have graduated from their undergraduate college or university after April 2007;
- ✓ Not have studied for, or hold a degree or degree-equivalent qualification from a British University.

Deadline: October 1, 2009

Application Procedures: Candidates may apply in one region only - either that in which they have their permanent home address or ordinary place of residence/employment, or that in which they are studying. Any candidate applying in more than one region will automatically be disqualified. Candidates must submit their application on the online form provided on the Marshall website. Applications must be endorsed by the President, Provost, or Academic Dean of the applicant's educational institution (or employer). The online application must be submitted and authorized by a designated member of staff at the applicant's educational institution (or employer).

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The Morris K. Udall Scholarship -

<http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/MKUScholarship/MKUScholarship.aspx>

Description: The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation merit-based scholarships outstanding college students who intend to pursue careers related to the environment, or who intend to pursue careers in Native American health care or tribal public policy and are Native American or Alaska Native. The Foundation seeks future leaders across a wide spectrum of environmental fields, such as policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, and economics. The Foundation also seeks future Native American and Alaska Native leaders in public and community health care, tribal government, and public policy affecting Native American communities, including land and resource management, economic development, and education.

Dollar Value: Each scholarship covers tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$5,000 for one year.

Number of Scholarships: 80 scholarships are awarded each year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Applicants must be sophomores or juniors, pursuing a bachelor's or associate's degree;
- ✓ Have a college grade-point average of at least a "B" or the equivalent;
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident;
- ✓ Be committed to a career related to the environment, OR committed to a career in tribal public policy or Native American health care (only Native Americans and Alaska Natives¹ are eligible to apply in tribal public policy or Native American health care).

Application Procedures: Candidates must be nominated by their institution to compete for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship. Four-year institutions are eligible to nominate up to three students in each category, for a total of six students per institution. Applications can be found online.

Deadline: The national deadline is March 2, 2010. (Institutional deadlines may be up to 6 months earlier; be sure to contact the faculty representative.)

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Frequently Asked Questions

What are the primary criteria for selection for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship?

Demonstrated commitment to environmental issues, or to health care or tribal public policy, solid record in last two years of substantial time and effort to at least one or more of the following: campus activities (e.g., recycling, NA clubs, sustainability committees); research activities (e.g., independent and substantive research outside of course requirements related to environmental/NA/health care issues); community activities (e.g., volunteering with clean-ups, park service/tribal internships, urban planning commissions, emergency room volunteer, etc.) **Career goals:** Course of study and proposed graduate study (if applicable) likely to lead to position where nominee can make significant contributions to the shaping of environmental/NA/health care issues, whether through scientific advances, public or political service, or community action. **The “Mo” factor:** Demonstrated leadership and potential, integrity and character, desire to make a difference and generally well rounded.

How important are grades?

Grades are less important than community service and leadership records, but they are still significant. Nominees should generally be in the top quarter of their class and have at least a 3.0 GPA

Are any fields of study given priority?

No. Udall Scholars come from all majors and fields of study. Recent Udall Scholars have majored in environmental sciences and policy studies, agriculture, political science, natural resource management, sociology, anthropology, American Indian studies, tribal public policy, history, English, theater, landscape architecture, and public health, to name just a few areas.

However, we anticipate that the nominee’s plan of study will include some coursework in environmental and/or public policy, environmental studies or science, or Native American studies.

How are the applications read?

Applications are read by region. Regions are determined by geographical proximity, geographic or environmental similarity, and number of applications. As a general rule, teams select from 1 to 4 scholars for each region. States with a greater number of applicants (such as Pennsylvania) will typically be read as one region, or divided into two regions. Readers work in teams of two. Applications are given at least two reviews. However, applications deemed clearly noncompetitive will not receive a second review. In order to deem an applicant “non-competitive”, a reader must 1) be absolutely convinced that the applicant has in no way demonstrated significant commitment to a career in the environment, tribal public policy, or health care, and 2) scored the applicant below 10 on the rating sheet. There are a total of four rating categories, plus a discretionary point allowance. Two categories, **Demonstrated commitment** and **personal characteristics**, use a 5-point rating scale, ranging from a 1 (below average) to 5 (outstanding). The other two categories, **academic achievement** and the **essay**, use a 4-point rating scale.

Our institution has nominated students for the Udall Scholarship for the past few years, and none has received a Scholarship or Honorable Mention. What are we doing wrong?

Keep in mind that the Udall Scholarship is a highly competitive award. The principal reasons an applicant may not be awarded a scholarship are: Coursework and plan of study unlikely to lead to career related to the environment, tribal public policy or Native American health care; Career plans not supported by goals of the scholarship program; Poor use of questions 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7 to reveal values, interests, and motivation; Little evidence of leadership; Lack of community involvement, particularly in the case of tribal public policy or Native American health care applicants; Few activities or research that reveal interest in and commitment to the environment, tribal public policy or Native American health care.

The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship -

<http://www.asee.org/ndseg/>

Description: The Department of Defense (DoD) is committed to increasing the number and quality of our Nation's scientists and engineers. The DoD will offer fellowships to individuals who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering. The target audience for the NDSEG Fellowship Program includes those who are at or near the beginning of their graduate study in science or engineering.

The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships will be awarded to applicants who will pursue a doctoral degree in, or closely related to, one of the following specialties: Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Biosciences (includes toxicology), Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Geosciences (includes terrain, water, and air), Materials Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering (includes undersea systems such as autonomous vehicles and other networked platforms), Oceanography (includes ocean acoustics, remote sensing, and marine meteorology), Physics (includes optics)

Dollar Value: The DoD will pay the Fellow's full tuition and required fees. In addition, Fellows will receive a stipend of \$30,500 the first year, \$31,000 the second year and \$31,500 the third year.

Number of Scholarships: Approximately 200 new three-year graduate fellowships are awarded annually based upon available funding.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Must be U.S. citizens or nationals.
- ✓ NDSEG Fellowships are intended for students at or near the beginning of their graduate study in science or engineering. This means current seniors, current first year graduate students and those who have received their bachelor's degree but have not started graduate school.
- ✓ Applicants must have received their bachelor's degrees by fall of application year.
- ✓ Fellowships are tenable only at U.S. institutions of higher education offering doctoral degrees in the specified areas of science or engineering. Applicants do not have to have been accepted by such a graduate program at the time the application is submitted. In that case, information supplied should reflect a plan or preference at the time of submission. Should the applicant be selected, appointment will be contingent upon admission to a suitable graduate program.

Application Procedures: A complete fellowship application consists of the following elements: Master Personal Information Form (Parts 1 and 2); Official transcripts; Three Reference Evaluation Forms and; Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (general test only). All applicants are encouraged to apply online.

Deadline: Early January 2010.

Contact:

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Frequently Asked Questions

How can candidate find out if they are eligible for the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship?

There are four eligibility requirements: citizenship, discipline, academic status, and the ability to accept the full benefit. Specific questions are grouped by requirement below. Applicants must meet all four requirements in order to be eligible. If there are further questions please contact the fellowship program at ndseg@asee.org.

Does a candidate have to be a citizen of the United States to apply?

The NDSEG Fellowship Program is open only to applicants who are citizens or nationals of the United States. The term "nationals" refers to native residents of a possession of the United States such as American Samoa. It does not refer to a citizen of another country who has applied for U.S. citizenship. Persons who hold permanent resident status are not eligible. Proof of citizenship will be required upon formal offer.

The candidate's field of study is under two or more disciplines, what discipline they apply under? The specific science or engineering specialty is not listed, should they apply?

The stated goal is to increase the number of U.S. citizens and nationals trained in scientific and engineering disciplines of military importance. The sponsors of the NDSEG Fellowship Program have interest in a broad range of disciplines, as well as specialties that combine multiple aspects, or lie at the borders of the listed disciplines. In general, NDSEG recommends selecting the discipline that most closely matches the course of study proposed to pursue in graduate school. For additional guidance, speak to the academic or research advisor and visit the websites of the sponsoring agencies. Applicants may also wish to review information regarding which disciplines are most competitive (see <http://www.asee.org/fellowships/ndseg/preface.cfm#chances>).

Are candidates eligible if they will not be pursuing a doctoral degree?

Applicants are required to enroll at a U.S. institution in a full-time graduate program leading to a doctoral degree in the discipline of study. Fellowships are awarded only to applicants who intend to pursue a doctoral degree. Accepted into a program at the time the application is submitted is not required; however, the award is contingent upon the applicant's admission to a suitable program.

Are candidates eligible if currently enrolled in a Master's program and will be starting a Ph.D. after completion of the Master's?

If applying while in the first or second year of a Master's program, then applicants are still considered eligible.

Are candidates eligible if enrolled in an M.D./Ph.D. program?

No, you are not eligible, as the applicant must be pursuing solely a Ph.D.

Can a portion of my tenure as a Fellow be spent at a non-U.S. institution?

The NDSEG Fellowship Program only provides tuition and stipend support to fellows attending a U.S. institution. The program does not offer a deferral option. A fellow would not be able to enroll at an institution located outside the U.S.

What is the minimum GPA or GRE required for consideration for the fellowship?

Although the NDSEG Fellowship is a highly competitive program, there is no minimum GPA or GRE requirement. All completed applications are considered in full. The required statements, GPA, GRE scores, reference letters and forms, and transcripts are all reviewed and evaluated.

NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship -
http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship

Description: NSEP Boren Fellowships support students pursuing the study of languages, cultures, and world regions that are critical to U.S. interests (including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the Middle East). Study of the countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand is excluded. NSEP Boren Fellowships are intended to provide or add to the international component of U.S. graduate students' educations. NSEP Boren Fellowships provides support for overseas study, domestic study, or a combination of both. Although study outside the United States is not required, successful applications generally include a significant overseas component.

NSEP Boren Fellowship awards are made for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two academic years. Fellowships provide support for overseas or domestic study, or a combination of both.

Dollar Value: The maximum level of support for a combined overseas and domestic program is \$30,000 over 24 months. Actual support levels will be determined by each individual project budget and the length of the project. No fellowship, whether overseas only, domestic only, or combined, may exceed a total of two academic years. Boren funding can begin no earlier than May 15, 2010. Funding from other sources may be combined with the fellowship, but Fellows must inform IIE of any additional funding they receive. Budget line items cannot be duplicated.

Number of Scholarships: Varies

Eligibility: U.S. graduate students are eligible to apply for an NSEP Boren Fellowship if they are:

- ✓ A U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- ✓ Either enrolled in or applying to a graduate degree program at an accredited U.S. college or university located within the United States. To receive the award students must provide evidence of admission and enrollment in such a program. Boren Fellows must remain enrolled in their graduate programs for the duration of the fellowship.
- ✓ Including a plan for language study in a modern language other than English in the application.

Application Procedures: All applications must be submitted online through the NSEP website. Applicants design their own programs and may combine domestic language and cultural study with overseas study. Study of a foreign language appropriate to the identified country or region must be an integral part of each application proposal.

Deadline: January, 2010

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Frequently Asked Questions

Must a candidate be an enrolled graduate student to receive an NSEP Boren Graduate Fellowship?

Yes. Applicants must be enrolled at an accredited U.S. institution of higher education located within the United States and be in the process of pursuing a graduate degree at the time the award is made. Boren Fellows must remain enrolled in their graduate programs for the duration of the fellowship. Universities will usually allow students to maintain enrollment while they are abroad pursuing curricula outside the standard requirements. The option of registering for independent study or directed reading credits during the semester(s) of absence from the home institution is available. Please consult with the campus representative or academic advisor for more detailed information on the specific requirements of your university.

Can a candidate apply for an NSEP Boren Fellowship, if they have applied to graduate school but have not yet been accepted?

Yes. If not currently enrolled but are applying to graduate school, an applicant may apply for an NSEP Boren Fellowship. Candidates are eligible for the program if they are a graduating senior and applying to graduate school. The application must indicate the graduate school programs to which they have applied. If selected for a fellowship, the award will be contingent upon acceptance into a graduate program, and Fellows will be required to provide IIE/NSEP with proof of the intent to enroll in that program. Complete proof of actual enrollment must be provided before any NSEP funds are disbursed. Examples of evidence of intent to enroll include copies of the acceptance response to the graduate program or evidence of the enrollment deposit. Proof of actual enrollment may be established by providing an updated transcript from the university or official correspondence from the registrar's office, the academic department, or the graduate school in which they are enrolled.

If the proposed country, language, and/or field of study is not on the preferred list, should the candidate still apply?

Yes. NSEP is interested in encouraging applications for study in non-preferred countries, languages, and fields of study when the applicant can make a compelling argument that increased understanding and appreciation of that particular country, language, and/or field of study through international study represents an important contribution to U.S. national security and the goals of NSEP.

What level of language proficiency is required?

NSEP is committed to both new language acquisition and improvement of language competence for advanced language students. Thus, there are no minimum levels of language proficiency required for NSEP Boren Fellowships, except in the study of French or Spanish. Fellowship funds cannot be used for the study of French or Spanish unless such language instruction is at an advanced level or is combined with the study applied science or engineering. IIE/NSEP will verify the self-assessed competency level of these grant recipients through a commonly used testing instrument.

What is the NSEP service requirement?

The NSEP service requirement stipulates that an award recipient work in the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or the Intelligence Community. If, after making a full and good faith effort (according to conditions and rules established by NSEP), an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in one of these agencies, he or she may work in any U.S. federal department or agency. There is also an expectation that NSEP Scholars and Fellows will use the language or regional expertise acquired as a result of the award in their work for the U.S. government.

NSEP David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships –

http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship

Description: The National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships offer a unique opportunity for U.S. undergraduates to study abroad. NSEP awards scholarships to American students for study of world regions critical to U.S. interests (including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the Middle East). The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. NSEP Boren Scholarships are intended to provide support to U.S. undergraduates who will pursue the study of languages and cultures currently underrepresented in study abroad and critical to U.S. national security.

Dollar Value: NSEP Boren Scholarships are merit based. Award amounts are based on the study abroad costs and financial aid information provided by the applicant. The maximum award is \$8,000 for a summer, \$10,000 for a semester, or \$20,000 for a full academic year. Students must inform IIE/NSEP of any additional outside funding they receive for their study abroad program.

Number of Scholarships: Varies

Eligibility:

- ✓ A U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- ✓ A high school graduate, or have earned a GED, and are matriculated as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in a U.S. post-secondary institution, including universities, colleges, and community colleges accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- ✓ Applying to engage in a study abroad experience in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand that meets home institution standards.
- ✓ Planning to use the scholarship for study abroad and the study abroad program ends before graduation. NSEP Boren Undergraduate Scholarships are not for study in the United States.

Application Procedures: All applications must be submitted online.

Deadline: February 11, 2010

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Frequently Asked Questions

If the proposed country, language, and/or field of study is not on the preferred list for the NSEP David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships, should the candidate still apply?

Yes. NSEP is interested in encouraging applications for study in non-emphasized countries, languages, and fields of study when the applicant can make a compelling argument that increased understanding and appreciation of that particular country, language, and/or field of study through study abroad represents an important contribution to U.S. national security and the goals of NSEP.

Is a foreign language component required for all study abroad proposals?

Yes. Foreign language study is a key element in all NSEP proposals. The language chosen should be appropriate to the country in which he/she plans to study. The study abroad proposal should note the amount (number of hours per week) and level of classroom instruction you will undertake. Most importantly, they are expected to provide a realistic estimate of the language level expected from the formal as well as informal (non-classroom) study will help he/she achieve. Students who are at an advanced level of Spanish or French must keep in mind that their proposed study abroad program should not emphasize language training, but rather academic study, which would require using Spanish or French in course work related to their field of study.

Are candidates required to take a language test before applying for an NSEP Boren Scholarship?

No. If selected for the NSEP Boren Scholarship, they must agree to take a language test prior to and after the study abroad experience. If there was no previous instruction in the language to be studied, applicants may not be required to take the pre-test. The results of the proficiency testing will be used to assess the program; they will not be used to evaluate students. Information about language testing will be provided to all scholarship recipients and the cost of the tests will be covered by NSEP.

Is it possible to split the academic year between two study abroad programs in the same country? How would the application be completed?

In some cases, appropriate full academic year programs may not be available. In these cases, students may then submit two separate, but related, applications for study on two different programs. Applications for two different consecutive study abroad programs should entail study in the same country and of the same language. Applicants proposing study in two different countries and/or for two different languages will not be funded by NSEP.

Does NSEP approve or sanction particular study abroad programs?

No. An NSEP Boren Scholarship is a source of portable financial assistance that can be used to support study abroad through an established program, direct enrollment in a foreign university, or an individually arranged study. The choice of a particular program for study abroad is made by you in consultation with your campus advisor. Make the choices based on the overall quality of the program, the strength of the language instruction, and on elements it offers that will enhance the period of study abroad. There are no lists of NSEP-preferred programs nor does NSEP endorse programs under a particular institution, organization, or group's sponsorship.

What is the NSEP service requirement?

The NSEP service requirement stipulates that an award recipient work in the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or the Intelligence Community. If, after making a full and good faith effort (according to conditions and rules established by NSEP), an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in one of these agencies, he or she may work in any U.S. federal department or agency. There is also an expectation that NSEP Scholars and Fellows will use the language or regional expertise acquired as a result of the award in their work for the U.S. government.

NSEP National Flagship Language Program Fellowship -

http://borenawards.org/the_language_flagship

Description: The National Flagship Language Program (NFLP) was developed to address the urgent and growing need for Americans with professional levels of competency in languages critical to national security. NFLP offers advanced language training in Arabic, Korean, Mandarin, Persian, and Russian. NFLP is designed to train participants to reach professional working proficiency in a target language, as measured by the federal Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) level 3 and/or the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) superior level.

Dollar Value: NFLP Fellowships are two-year awards that provide support for all academic expenses directly associated with participation in the National Flagship Language Program, including tuition, a stipend for living expenses, and support for travel costs and health insurance coverage. The living stipend is based on reasonable costs associated with the location(s) of each Flagship Language Program. Total NFLP Fellowship amounts will vary by individual depending upon the specific composition and duration of the program. Fellowship award amounts cannot include additional support for dependents.

Number of Fellowships: Varies.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- ✓ Must have a minimum proficiency in the appropriate foreign language of advanced low (as defined by ACTFL) or level 2 (as defined by ILR). Applicant must also possess excellent skills in English (ILR level 3/ACTFL superior language proficiency or higher in all modalities of English).
- ✓ Must complete an undergraduate degree by the time the applicant would begin the NFLP Fellowship. Past recipients of NSEP Boren Undergraduate Scholarships or Graduate Fellowships are eligible and are encouraged to apply to this program.
- ✓ May not be a current U.S. government employee.

Application Procedures: Copies of the application can be downloaded from the NFLP website. All NFLP Fellowship application materials must be received by the Institute of International Education by the stated deadline in January 2010. Applications received by fax or email will not be accepted.

Deadline: Mid January 2010

Contact:

Contact information will vary with each language program. Go to the following website for information on program coordinators: http://borenawards.org/the_language_flagship/programs.html

For general information on the national Flagship Language program, contact:

National Flagship Language Program
The Language Flagship Fellowships
Institute of International Education
1400 K Street, NW, 6th Floor Washington, DC 20005-2403
Telephone: 1-800-618-NSEP
Fax: 202-326-7672
Email: flagship@iie.org

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the NSEP service requirement?

The NSEP service requirement stipulates that an award recipient work in the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or the Intelligence Community. If, after making a full and good faith effort (according to conditions and rules established by NSEP), an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in one of these agencies, he or she may work in any U.S. federal department or agency. There is also an expectation that NSEP Scholars and Fellows will use the language or regional expertise acquired as a result of the award in their work for the U.S. government.

What is the duration of the service requirement?

The duration of the service requirement is equal to the duration of assistance provided under the program, but in no case less than one year.

How much time is allotted to fulfill the service requirement?

NSEP Undergraduate Boren Scholars must begin to fulfill the service requirement no later than three years after the date of graduation from or termination of the program of study for which the scholarship was awarded.

NSEP Graduate Boren Fellows must begin to fulfill the service requirement no later than two years after the date of graduation from or termination of the program of study for which the fellowship was awarded.

NSEP National Flagship Language Program Fellows must begin to fulfill the service requirement no later than two years after the date of program completion or termination.

What if a NSEP award recipient is unable to secure employment in any federal agency?

While NSEP is deeply committed to helping NSEP award recipients secure federal employment, the federal government is not obligated to hire any individuals who have received funding through this program. Therefore, if a Scholar or Fellow has made a full and good faith effort to secure employment during the course of his or her service requirement period to no avail, he or she is free from any and all obligations associated with the service requirement.

The National Institutes of Health Graduate Partnership Program - <http://gpp.nih.gov>

Description: The Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) links the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with universities in the graduate level training of students. Through university partnerships the NIH strengthens and expands its role as a provider of excellent training for the biomedical scientists of the future. The mission of the GPP is to establish and foster graduate education partnerships with national and international universities and institutions dedicated to quality education in biomedical basic and clinical research while providing the infrastructure and community support needed by the students in these programs.

Dollar Value: Funding for Graduate students who have applied to and are now enrolled in NIH-University partnership programs receive an NIH Intramural Research Training Award for stipend, health benefits, and tuition support as needed. This award is renewable up to five years based on the student's progress toward degree.

Number of Scholarships: Varies with each partnership program.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Prospective Ph.D. Students – Limited to United States Citizens and Permanent Residents who wish to pursue a Ph.D. in the biomedical sciences can apply to one or more of the NIH-University partnership programs. The available programs are separated into two groups, depending on the location of the university: National University Partnerships and International University Partnerships.
- ✓ Current Ph.D. Students – Individuals already enrolled in a Ph.D. program wishing to perform part or all of their dissertation research at the NIH may develop an Individual Agreement with an NIH Investigator and their graduate university. Individual Agreements are open to United States Citizens, Permanent Residents, and Foreign Nationals enrolled in a Ph.D. or equivalent program.

Application Procedures: There is an online application process on the website. To be considered for the formalized programs applicants must:

- ✓ Submit both the university application and the online GPP application
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident immigration status
- ✓ Meet the admission deadline established by each program

Deadlines: Varies with programs and institutions.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Are All Graduate Students at NIH in a University Partnership Program?

Graduate students from dozens of universities across the United States and globally come to the NIH to perform part or all of their dissertation research within the NIH Intramural Research Laboratories.

Prospective Ph.D. Graduate Students - Individuals wishing to pursue a Ph.D. in the biomedical sciences should review the list of formal NIH-University partnership programs available. *Current Ph.D. Graduate Students* - Individuals already enrolled in a Ph.D. program wishing to perform part or all of their dissertation research at the NIH may develop an Individual Agreement with an NIH Investigator and their graduate university.

Why consider NIH Graduate Partnership Program for graduate studies?

Until recently, only graduate students able to take advantage of the incredible research resources of NIH did so through informal arrangements between their home graduate school and an NIH scientist. In the late 1990s, the leadership of NIH recognized that this important national resource was woefully underutilized in the preparation of the “next generation” of biomedical scientists. The Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) was crafted to take advantage of the best of both worlds – the academic environment of highly respected universities and the breadth and depth of research at NIH. But the goal has not been to create ‘just another graduate school’ to mimic the many excellent university programs to choose from. The goal is to create a different kind of graduate experience, one which purposefully focuses on skills of the future scientist and how discoveries will be made in the decades ahead.

How Many Graduate Students are at the NIH?

The NIH has over 320 graduate students from 70 universities doing dissertation research in the 21 institutes and centers. The NIH partnerships accept 50-75 new graduate students each year. Graduating students recommend the NIH to other graduate students and prospective students, citing the unparalleled resources and highly supportive experts available to them. In future years, the goal is to increase the number of graduate students at NIH to ~500.

What Financial Support is Available to Graduate Students at the NIH?

Funding for Prospective Graduate Students -- Graduate students who have applied to and are now enrolled in NIH-University partnership programs receive an NIH Intramural Research Training Award for stipend, health benefits, and tuition support as needed. This award is renewable up to five years based on the student’s progress toward degree. The Fall 2005 stipend level is \$24,000.00. Stipend levels increase yearly.

How does a candidate apply to the NIH for Dissertation Research?

Students with an undergraduate degree wishing to pursue a Ph.D. can apply to one of the many formal NIH-University partnership programs by requesting a formal application from the university sponsoring the program. Student must submit an application to both the university and GPP as directed by the GPP website.

The National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program-
<https://ugsp.nih.gov/> (The website only opens with Internet Explores, not Firefox)

Description: The NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program offers competitive scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral and social science health-related research. The program is sponsored by the NIH, one of the world's foremost centers for biomedical, behavioral and social science research and research training. The program is designed to improve access to education leading to research careers for those who have had fewer opportunities than others, and is designed to provide an incentive for exceptional scholars to pursue research careers at the NIH.

Dollar Value: NIH Undergraduate Scholarships will pay for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses up to \$20,000 per academic year. In return, recipients are obligated to serve as paid employees in NIH research laboratories during the summer and after graduation. In addition to financial assistance, the scholarship program offers invaluable training and mentoring, as well as practical experience in a state-of-the-art research setting.

Number of Scholarships: The NIH awards approximately 15 scholarships each year

Eligibility:

- ✓ The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a National of the U.S., or a non-citizen (someone who is eligible to work in the United States, *and* b) can qualify for Federal employment).
- ✓ The applicant must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student for the current academic year at an accredited undergraduate institution.
- ✓ The applicant must be from a disadvantaged background, meaning that that the undergraduate institution has certified you as having “exceptional financial need” (EFN), as defined by the Federal Government.
- ✓ The applicant must have a grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or be within the top 5 percent of his or her class.

Application Procedures: Applicants are encouraged to apply online at <http://www.ugsp.nih.gov>. In addition to the NIH online application, this website contains detailed information on the UGSP, as well as downloadable application forms. Applicants can also mail completed applications to the NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

Deadlines: Applications for the 2010-2011 school year will be available in the fall.

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What is the National Institutes of Health?

The NIH, or the National Institutes of Health, is the world's largest biomedical research institution. NIH seeks to improve health by conducting research in its own laboratories and by funding the research of other scientists throughout the United States and around the world.

The NIH, headquartered in a suburb of Washington, D.C., is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, an agency of the Federal Government.

In addition to the minimum requirements, what does the NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program look for in applicants?

Strong applicants are able to demonstrate their commitment to a research career. Applicants are most able to demonstrate this commitment if they have already participated in laboratory research, been involved in extracurricular science activities, or have taken advanced courses relevant to their field.

What is considered a "disadvantaged background"?

Disadvantaged background means that the financial aid office has certified the applicant as having "exceptional financial need" (EFN), as defined by the Federal Government.

What if candidate does not meet this definition of "disadvantaged background"?

Federal regulations prevent the NIH from considering applicants who do not meet the definition of disadvantaged background; however, NIH offers other training programs that do not require students to be disadvantaged. For information on all of NIH's training programs, visit <http://www.training.nih.gov>.

What documentation is needed with the application?

An official copy of the school transcript is required as part of the application. If currently a college freshman, both the college transcript and the high school transcript are required. If a college student who has attended more than one post-secondary institution, a transcript is required from each institution. If currently a high school senior, the NIH recommends that you send a photocopy of the ACT and/or SAT scores.

May international students apply?

UGSP recipients are Federal employees during their training at the NIH and must be eligible for Federal employment. In general, only U.S. citizens and nationals are eligible for Federal employment, but there are some exceptions to this rule. For instance, permanent residents from certain countries qualify. See https://ugsp.nih.gov/application_center/citizenship_req.asp?m=04 for a complete list of exceptions.

In addition to the minimum requirements, what is looked for in applicants?

Strong applicants are able to demonstrate their commitment to a research career. Applicants are most able to demonstrate this commitment if they have already participated in laboratory research, been involved in extracurricular science activities, or have taken advanced courses relevant to their field.

If selected, will scholars receive the full \$20,000?

The exact scholarship amount will be determined based on the educational expenses and other sources of financial aid. The scholarship award cannot exceed unmet college expenses. Applicants should also contact their financial aid office to determine how an outside scholarship will affect their financial aid package.

The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program-

<http://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

Description: The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program offers three-year graduate research fellowships in science, mathematics, and engineering, including Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science awards. Fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, biological, behavioral and social sciences; engineering; the history of science and the philosophy of science; and to research-based Ph.D. degrees in science education.

Dollar Value: Fellows benefit from a three-year annual stipend of \$30,000 along with a \$10,500 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees, a one-time \$1,000 travel allowance and the freedom to conduct their own research at any accredited U.S., or foreign institution of graduate education they choose.

Number of Fellowships: Approximately 1000 new three-year fellowships are made annually.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens of the United States.
- ✓ Fellowships are intended for individuals in the early stages of their graduate study. Applicants must have completed no more than twelve months of full-time graduate study at the time of their application.
- ✓ Fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics supported by the National Science Foundation (<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06592/nsf06592.htm#study>)
- ✓ The Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science awards are for women who intend to pursue graduate research degrees in Engineering or Computer and Information Science and Engineering. Additional funding for these awards is provided by the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and the Directorate for Engineering. Eligibility and review criteria are the same as for applicants in other fields.
- ✓ The Fellowships are tenable at any appropriate, accredited non-profit U.S. institution or appropriate international institution of higher education offering advanced degrees in science, mathematics, or engineering.

Application Procedures:

All applicants are expected to use NSF's FastLane Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) process: <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/>. With Internet access and a supported World Wide Web browser, an applicant can submit an application electronically using this secure process. Security is provided to ensure that both applications and Reference Report Forms can be accessed only by authorized persons.

Deadline: The 2010 competition is expected to open in August 2009

Contact:

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Washington, DC 20036
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Frequently Asked Questions

Applying for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) takes a lot of effort. Is it possible for a candidate to determine eligibility prior to applying?

No, unfortunately, it is not. Eligibility is reviewed on the basis of the contents of the entire submitted application. The text in the Program Announcement is the only official eligibility guidance applicants can receive. Read the Program Announcement closely to be sure eligibility requirements are interpreted properly. Seek additional advice from mentors, professors, or academic advisors. When deciding to apply, consider the relative qualifications, eligibility concerns, and estimated time investment balanced against the benefits the GRFP provides.

For the GRFP eligibility purposes, do courses currently taking count as complete?

No. Only courses from academic periods that have ended are considered complete for eligibility purposes.

Are candidates in the process of applying for permanent resident alien but not holders of a green card still eligible?

Permanent resident status must be established by the application deadline.

What are the application materials need to submit for the GRFP?

Complete applications include (1) information that must be submitted electronically using NSF's FastLane Graduate Research Fellowship Program application module, (2) Official Academic Transcripts submitted in hard copy to the GRF Operations Center, and (3) three letters of reference submitted electronically using NSF's FastLane Reference Letter submission. GRE scores are optional but recommended.

How can a candidate learn about the types of research projects NSF funds?

Visit the NSF's website (www.nsf.gov) for information and guidance about current and emerging themes within the NSF directorates (departments). Applicants can review the NSF Guide to Programs at (www.nsf.gov/funding/) as well as the NSF's database of funded projects (awards) at (www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/) for specific funding information. The proposed research can be discussed with mentors, professors, or researchers, who have applied for NSF grants in the applicants' field.

How do candidates apply for the Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science (WECS) awards for the GRFP?

Women who apply in fields listed under Engineering or under Computer and Information Science and Engineering in the Program Announcement (<https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/>) may be considered for the Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science (WECS) awards. There is no separate application for these awards.

Are the GRE General and Subject Tests required for the GRFP fellowship?

No. While scores from the GRE General and Subject Tests are highly recommended, they are not a requirement for application to this program.

What is FASED and how can candidates apply for it?

FASED stands for Facilitation Awards for Scientists with Disabilities. Details of this program can be found at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5516.

The Newton Fellowship Program -

<http://www.mathforamerica.org/htdocs/template.php?section=nf&content=overview>

Description: The Newton Fellowship Program focuses on the shortage of adequately qualified mathematics teachers in our nation's public high schools. The Newton Fellowship Program trains mathematically talented individuals to become high school math teachers and supports them in the early years of their careers. The program currently operates in New York City and is endorsed by the New York City Department of Education.

Dollar Value: Fellows receive an aggregate stipend of \$90,000 over five years and obtain a full tuition scholarship to master's level teacher preparation program at Bard College, New York University, or Teachers College/Columbia University

Number of Scholarships: 35 – 40 new Fellows will be selected each year. Math for America (MfA) will appoint over 340 Newton Fellows in NYC between 2004 and 2011. MfA expects to expand the program to other cities in the future.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
- ✓ Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited College or University. A minimum of 18 credits in math courses at the calculus level or higher is required. Exceptions are possible for candidates with significant math-related coursework in physical sciences, engineering, or a similar field or with experience in a math-intensive job.
- ✓ Individuals who have completed education programs (major or minor) leading to teacher certification are not eligible.
- ✓ Individuals who are full-time teachers or are certified to teach are not eligible.
- ✓ Candidates must be able to make a five-year commitment to the Newton Fellowship Program.
- ✓ Math for America staff, Board and Committee members, and their families are not eligible.

Application Procedures: All candidates must complete the application requirements. This includes submission of the online application form, personal statement, resume, transcripts and three letters of recommendation. Newton Fellows must have a strong knowledge of undergraduate mathematics. In addition to reviewing transcripts, MfA requires all candidates to take the Praxis II: Mathematics Content and Mathematics Proofs and Reasoning Tests. In order to be considered for a Newton Fellowship, you must receive a score of 143 on the Mathematics Content Test, and a score of 161 on the Proofs and Reasoning Test. It is important to notice that you must receive BOTH of these scores in order to be considered. Finalist candidates will be invited to New York City for an interview, at which they will be assessed on their math knowledge, teaching potential and communication skills.

Deadline: Variable deadlines. Check the website.

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Email: General information: information@mathforamerica.org

Webmaster: webmaster@mathforamerica.org

Frequently Asked Questions

What type of person is a good candidate for a Newton Fellowship Program?

Math for America (MfA) looks for individuals who first and foremost know and love mathematics. After that, MfA are looking for individuals with a passion for education, a personality that will thrive in the challenges and opportunities of public school teaching, strong communication skills and a belief that teachers really can make a difference. There is no set profile in terms of background or experience. While the majority of Fellows are recent college graduates who were math, science or engineering majors, MfA encourage career changers to apply.

Must candidates have to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?

All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents due to the certification requirements of New York State.

If a candidate is certified or have completed certification requirements in another state, can they apply?

The Newton Fellowship Program is meant to bring new people into careers in teaching. If applicants have already completed a program in education leading to certification (in NY or another state), they are not eligible to apply.

Could candidates apply their undergraduate degree was in both math and math education?

If they have a math and math education dual degree and have not completed a program for certification, then they are eligible to apply. If they have completed a program leading to teacher certification then they are not eligible to apply. The Newton Fellowship Program is intended bring new people into careers in teaching.

What if a candidate already have a master's degree in math, science or engineering?

Individuals with master's degrees in fields related to what they are going to teach do not technically need to obtain a second master's degree in education. However, they do need to complete a program in education leading to teacher certification. MfA's training programs provide both the certification and master's degree. If they already have a master's, they most likely will receive a second master's degree in education.

Would candidates need to apply to Teachers College, NYU or Bard College in addition to the Newton Fellowship Program?

Candidates who are accepted into the program do not need to also apply to our Partner Universities. MfA will forward all of the application materials to the universities for admission and admission fees will be waived. However, applicants are encouraged to apply to the degree programs of their choosing so that if they are not accepted into the Newton Fellowship Program, they will be able to pursue a degree in math education on their own.

Can a selected candidate defer acceptance into the program?

Applicants who are accepted into the program may not defer acceptance. Applicants must reapply for the program the following year.

Can unselected candidates reapply to the program next year?

Applicants may reapply to the program in any year. If reapplying, MfA recommend that the applicants discuss how their qualifications have changed over the past year in the personal statement.

Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships – <http://www.pdsoros.org>

Description: The Program is open to individuals who retain loyalty and a sense of commitment to their country of origin as well as the United States, but is intended to support individuals who will continue to regard the United States as their principle residence and focus on national identity. Candidate must demonstrate the relevance of graduate education to their long-term career goals and potential in enhancing their contributions to society. Fellowships are not solely awarded on the basis of academic record. The academic record is relevant as evidence of the candidate's availability to complete successfully a graduate degree program and it strengthens the demonstration of achieving the Program's specific criteria for selection.

Dollar value: Each year the Fellow receives a maintenance grant of \$20,000 (paid in two installments) and a tuition grant of one-half the tuition cost of the U.S. graduate program attended by the Fellow (up to a maximum of \$16,000 per academic year).

Number of Scholarships: Thirty Fellowships are awarded each year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ A U.S. or national citizen
- ✓ Applicants may NOT be older than 30 as of November 1 of the application year.
- ✓ Applicants must be a college senior, or a holder of a bachelor's degree, or at present enrolled in a graduate program. Individuals who are in the third, or subsequent, year of study in the same graduate program are not, however, eligible for this competition. Students who have received a master's degree in a program and are continuing for a doctoral degree in the same program are considered to have been in the same program from the time they began their work on their master's degree.

Application Guidelines and Procedures: Applicants are required to complete an online application form and the following information: two essays on specified topics; 1-2 page resume; three letters of recommendation; institutional status form from the institution attended indicating when and whether the present degree program will be completed (this may be completed by a registrar, a dean or director of the program, or other authority); a transcript from the applicant's undergraduate institution, and if his/her graduate training is already in progress, from the graduate institution as well; documentary evidence that the applicant meets, as of November 1, 2010, the definition of New American as detailed in the answer of the second question; and score(s) from any graduate aptitude test (e.g. GMAT, MCAT, GRE, LSAT) required by programs to which the applicant has applied; candidates may submit a photocopy of the score report.

Applications are available at www.pdsoros.org. Tips and recommendations for applications can be found at www.pdsoros.org/requirements.html

Deadline: November 1, 2010

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Frequently Asked Questions

What are the criteria for selection for the Paul & Daisy Fellowships for New Americans?

Candidates must demonstrate the relevance of graduate education to their long-term career goals and potential in enhancing their contributions to society. Fellowships are not solely awarded on the basis of academic record. The academic record is relevant as evidence of the candidate's ability to complete successfully a graduate degree program and it strengthens the demonstration of achieving the Program's specific criteria for selection.

A successful candidate will give evidence of at least two of the following three attributes or criteria for selection: (1) creativity, originality, and initiative, demonstrated in any area of her/his life; (2) a capacity for accomplishment, demonstrated through activity that has required drive and sustained effort; and (3) a commitment to the values expressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The third criterion includes activity in support of human rights and the rule of law, in opposition to unwarranted encroachment on personal liberty, and in advancing the responsibilities of citizenship in a free society.

What may a Fellow study?

A Fellow may pursue a graduate degree in any professional field (e.g., engineering, medicine, law, social work, etc.) or scholarly discipline in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The Fine and Performing Arts are included. The Trustees strongly encourage applications from candidates who have not yet begun their graduate studies, but full consideration will be given to candidates in the first or second years of graduate studies in their current program

Are there any limitations to where a Fellow may study?

A Fellow may study at any accredited graduate program in the United States. It is the responsibility of the Fellow to secure admission.

When does the Fellowship Program begin? May a Fellowship be deferred?

The application and selection process will take place in the late fall and winter, and Fellows will be expected to begin their graduate study no later than the following September. Successful Fellows already undertaking graduate work may be supported during the semester they are selected. A Fellowship can not be deferred.

Where may an application be obtained?

Applications are available on our website (www.pdsoros.org) and should be submitted via the Online Application System. Application can also be downloaded from our website and submitted by mail.

What is the selection process?

After screening, 84 candidates will be selected for interviews. The interviewers will be distinguished New Americans. The Program will provide funding for travel and accommodations. After its recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the Program's Board of Trustees, the class of Fellows will be announced in February. Unsuccessful applicants may reapply if they continue to meet the program requirements.

What are the responsibilities of a Fellow?

A Fellow must obtain admission into a graduate academic program. Upon admission and matriculation, a Fellow must show continued progress towards the degree (i.e., a transcript must be submitted after each academic year of the Fellowship) and provide a final report to the Program Director. A Fellow's attendance at graduate school must be continuous and at the same institution; any modification requires approval of the Program Director. A Fellow is required to attend a Fellows' Conference Program of two days in New York City twice during the tenure of the award. The Program pays for all costs associated with the Fellows' Conference Program. Fellows will be given ample advance notice of the dates and locations of the Conference programs.

Rhodes Scholarship – <http://www.rhodesscholar.org>

Description: Extraordinary intellectual distinction is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for election to a Rhodes Scholarship. Selection committees are charged to seek excellence in qualities of mind and in qualities of person, which in combination, offer the promise of effective service to the world in the decades ahead. The Rhodes Scholarships are investments in individuals rather than in project proposals. Accordingly, applications are sought from talented students without restriction as to their field of academic specialization or career plans although the proposed course of study must be available at Oxford, and the applicant's undergraduate program must provide a sufficient basis for study in the proposed field.

Dollar value: All educational costs, such as matriculation, tuition, laboratory and certain other fees are paid. Each scholar receives in addition a maintenance allowance adequate to meet necessary expenses for term-time and vacations. Also the necessary costs of travel to and from Oxford.

Number of Scholarships: 32 (for U.S. citizens)

Eligibility:

- ✓ U.S. or national citizen
- ✓ An applicant, by October 1, 2009, must be at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age.
- ✓ An applicant must have achieved academic standing sufficiently advanced to assure completion of a bachelor's degree before October 1, 2010.

Application Procedures: Applicants must be endorsed by an institution where they will have completed two years of full-time undergraduate study and received a bachelor's degree before October 1, 2010, or by their graduate institution. It is preferred that applicants in their first year of graduate study receive an endorsement from the undergraduate institution from which they received their degree; for those in their second or later year of graduate study, the preference is for the endorsement to come from the graduate institution.

Applications should be made to the Secretary of the appropriate District Committee of Selection as early as possible, but **in no case will an application with a postmark later than October 5, 2009 be accepted.** A list of Secretaries of District Committees of Selection is found on the Rhodes Website <http://www.rhodesscholar.org/>

Deadline: October 5, 2009

Contact:

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The Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program -

<http://www.cdsintl.org/fromusa/bosch.htm>

Description: As the countries of the world become more interdependent, the Robert Bosch Foundation recognizes the importance of familiarizing American professionals with the political, economic, and cultural environment of Europe and of the Federal Republic of Germany. To further this goal, and to strengthen the ties of friendship and understanding between the United States and Germany, the foundation sponsors a fellowship program that enables young American professionals to participate in an intensive work and study program in Germany. Although a prime goal of this program is the advancement of transatlantic relations, it also contributes to the participants' professional competence and expertise, and broadens their cultural horizons.

The program provides young American professionals (ages 23-34) with two high-level work placements in the federal government and private sector in Germany. Three seminars taking place throughout Europe provide an in-depth understanding of issues facing Germany and the European Union today. Candidates are competitively chosen from the fields of business administration, economics, journalism, law, political science and public policy.

Dollar Value: Varies

Number of Scholarships: There are 20 fellowships awarded each year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
- ✓ Applicants must be between the ages of 23 and 34 at the application deadline.
- ✓ Ideal candidates have a Master's degree (or a JD), professional experience in one of the application fields of business administration, economics, law, journalism/mass communications, public policy, and political science.

Application Procedures: Must turn in a complete application, which includes the application form, a personal statement (maximum of two pages and 850 words), a resume, official university transcripts, and two letters of recommendation.

Deadline: October 15, 2009

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Frequently Asked Questions

When is the application deadline for the Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program?

All application materials are due mid-October.

What is the duration of the Fellowship Program?

The program runs from September 1 through May 31 of the following year. Many fellows are required to travel to Berlin as early as June to complete intensive language training, bringing the program duration to one year.

How competitive is the program?

We receive an average of 300 applications for the 20 fellowships.

What should the personal statement include?

A personal statement (maximum 2 pages and 850 words) that describes short and long-term career plans, interest in transatlantic relations, and personal objectives for the proposed stay in Germany. It is essential that there is a description of the experience hope to acquire in the seminars and the work phases of the Bosch program, proposing institutions and/or companies for both work phases.

Who should write the letters of recommendation?

Anyone who has worked closely with the applicant in the recent past may write letters: an employer, a professor who supervised research or taught class, etc. The Foundation wants to know about the applicant's professional ability and personality. Letters of recommendation should be addressed to whom it may concern, or to the selection committee members.

Q: When is the final selection?

A: Final Selection for the 2010 - 2011 Bosch Fellowship will take place in New York City in January 2010.

Who arranges the two work phases?

In general, the Robert Bosch Foundation arranges the stages in cooperation with the fellows, who are responsible for identifying any ministries or companies where they would like to work. However, fellows are encouraged to make their own contacts and advise the foundation in this matter.

Can candidates work a second job in Germany while on the Fellowship?

A second occupation is generally not permitted. Any exceptions require the approval of the Robert Bosch Foundation.

Can candidates bring their spouse? Can he/she work in Germany while there?

Yes, a spouse may accompany the fellow and the fellow will receive an additional monthly subsidy. The spouse may accept an offer of employment in Germany, but the fellow must notify the foundation about status changes of this sort immediately.

Does the program cover health insurance or other types of insurance?

The Robert Bosch Foundation insures the fellow and an accompanying family members with a comprehensive sickness, accident and liability insurance.

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships –

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html

Description: The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment for the Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of \$26.50 to more than \$55 million contributed in 2002-2003. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

Dollar value: There are three different types of scholarships offered by the Rotary each with their own requirements and monetary amounts.

- ✓ **Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships** provide funding for one academic year of study in another country. This award is intended to help cover round-trip transportation, tuition, fees, room and board expenses, and some educational supplies up to \$26,000 US or its equivalent. Academic-Year Scholarships are the most common type of scholarship offered.
- ✓ **Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships** are for two years of degree-oriented study in another country. A flat grant of \$13,000 US or its equivalent is provided per year to be applied toward the costs of a degree program.
- ✓ **Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships** are for either three or six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion in another country and provide funds to cover round-trip transportation, language training expenses, and home stay living arrangements up to \$12,000 US and \$19,000 US, respectively. Applications are considered for candidates interested in studying Arabic, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, and Swedish.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ Be a citizen of a country in which there are Rotary clubs;
- ✓ Completed at least two years of college-level coursework or equivalent professional experience before commencing their scholarship duties;
- ✓ Initial application must be made through a Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment;
- ✓ Candidates cannot be Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians, or employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International;
- ✓ The scholarships are not appropriate for students seeking to continue studies already begun at a foreign institution.

Application Procedures: Interested applicants must apply for Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships through their local Rotary club. Because application deadlines vary by club and district, only the local club can provide specific information on deadlines. Remember that scholarship availability varies by Rotary district. If the local district is not offering scholarships, an applicant may wish to inquire next year.

Contact:

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The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award-

http://www.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/about_us/award.asp

Description: Samuel Huntington was President and Chief Executive Officer of the New England Electric System, which later merged with National Grid. He was deeply interested in public service. Following his graduation from college and before attending law school, Mr. Huntington taught in Nigeria. The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award was established by his friends to allow other students to realize similar experiences and to provide public service.

Dollar Value: This award provides an annual stipend of \$10,000 to graduating seniors to engage in meaningful public service for up to one year anywhere in the world. \$5,000 is awarded at the start of the project; and the remaining \$5,000 is awarded upon receipt of a six-month progress report.

Number of Scholarships: The foundation guarantees at least one award each year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ This competition is open to all graduating seniors from accredited colleges or universities.
- ✓ Non U.S. citizens are eligible to apply if they are graduating from a U.S. college or university.

Application Procedures: Students are encouraged to develop their own proposals for public service in this country or abroad. The proposal may encompass any activity that furthers the public good. It can be undertaken by the student alone or working through established charitable, religious, educational, governmental, or other public service organizations. Awards will be based on the quality of your proposal, your academic record, and other personal achievements. Applicants will be notified by mid-April if they are to be interviewed or if they did not become finalists. Finalists will be personally interviewed prior to their selection for the award. The award will be granted soon after the interviews.

Deadline: February 15, 2010.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can the application deadline be by postmark?

Yes.

Can a portion of the award money be allocated toward travel and/or living expenses?

Yes, however, applications will be viewed more favorably if a significant portion of the funds are devoted to the project.

Can I fax or email a letter of recommendation?

Yes. Fax no: (508) 389-2463 // email: amy.stacy@us.ngrid.com

Can my transcript and recommendation letters arrive separately?

Yes, as long as they are postmarked by the deadline and the applicant's name is clearly stated.

May I apply after the deadline?

No. The application review process begins immediately after the February deadline.

I graduated several years ago. May I still apply?

No. We accept applications from current graduating college seniors.

What is the timetable for choosing semi-finalists, finalists, and winners?

Semi-finalists (top ~20) are chosen by mid-March; finalists (top 6-8) are chosen by early April. Interviews are typically held late-April and winners are chosen that day. Award presentation is late May/early June.

The Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship-
http://www.woodrow.org/fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_grad/

Description: The Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The Department of State seeks a Foreign Service that represents America in world affairs with citizens who reflect the diversity and excellence of our society. The program seeks to recruit talented students in academic programs relevant to international affairs, political and economic analysis, administration, management, and science policy. The goal is to attract outstanding students from all ethnic, racial and social backgrounds who have an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career in the U.S. Department of State. The fellowship develops a source of trained men and women from academic disciplines representing the skill needs of the Department who are dedicated to representing America's interests abroad. Each successful candidate is obligated to a minimum of three years' service in an appointment as a Foreign Service officer.

Dollar Value: The Fellowship provides tuition, room, board, and mandatory fees for the first year and second year of graduate study, with reimbursement for books and one round-trip travel. Graduate-level Fellows receive stipends during participation in one domestic summer internship between the first and second year of graduate school, and one summer overseas internship following the second year of graduate school.

Number of Fellowships: Varies.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Only individuals who are United States citizens at the time of application will be considered.
- ✓ Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ At the time of application, candidates must be seeking admission to graduate school for the following academic year. Selected applicants are expected to enroll in a two-year, full-time master's degree program in public policy, international affairs, or public administration, or in an academic field such as business, economics, political science, sociology, or foreign languages (U.S. graduate institutions only).
- ✓ A cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale must be maintained throughout participation in the program.
- ✓ Consideration will be given to qualified applicants who, in addition to outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement, demonstrate financial need.

Application Procedures: A completed application for the Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship includes both an online application form, which requires secure registration at the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Web site, and a series of hard-copy supporting documents, as follows:

- ✓ Certification of U.S. citizenship: copy of U.S. passport, birth certificate, or U.S. citizen naturalization papers.
- ✓ Copy of GRE scores.
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation.
- ✓ Official academic transcripts from every undergraduate school attended.
- ✓ Two page résumé.

Deadline: February 2010.

Contact:

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The Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship-

http://www.woodrow.org/fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_undergrad/index.php

Description: The Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship seeks to recruit talented students in academic programs relevant to international affairs, political and economic analysis, administration, management, and science policy. The goal is to attract outstanding students from all ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds who have an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career in the U.S. Department of State. The Program develops a source of trained men and women from academic disciplines representing the skill needs of the Department, who are dedicated to representing America's interests abroad. Each successful candidate is obligated to a minimum of four-and-one-half years' service in an appointment as a Foreign Service officer.

Fellows must participate in one overseas and one domestic summer internship within the U.S. Department of State. Students receive a stipend during the internships. Attendance is required between the junior and senior years of college at a summer institute based at a graduate school of public policy and international affairs participating in the Pickering program.

Dollar Value: The fellowship award includes tuition, room, board, and mandatory fees during the junior and senior years of college and during the first year of graduate study. Each year's award also includes reimbursement for books and for travel (one round trip per academic year, up to a set maximum amount).

Number of Fellowships: Varies.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Only individuals who are United States citizens at the time of application will be considered.
- ✓ Applicants must be in the sophomore year of undergraduate study.
- ✓ Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.
- ✓ A cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale must be maintained throughout participation in the program.

Application Procedures: A completed application for the Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship includes both an online application form, which requires secure registration at the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Web site, and a series of hard-copy supporting documents, as follows:

- ✓ Certification of U.S. citizenship: copy of U.S. passport, birth certificate, or U.S. citizen naturalization papers.
- ✓ Copy of SAT scores.
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation.
- ✓ Official academic transcripts from every undergraduate school attended.
- ✓ Two page résumé.

Deadline: February 2010.

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The William E. Simon for Noble Purpose - <http://www.isi.org/programs/fellowships/simon.html>

Description: The William E. Simon Fellowship is designed to encourage students as they complete their undergraduate education to pursue lives that will benefit themselves and their fellow men and women — that is, lives of "noble purpose."

The Fellowship will be awarded to those graduating college seniors who have demonstrated passion, dedication, a high capacity for self-direction, and originality in pursuit of a goal that will strengthen civil society. Examples of how recipients may use their award include:

- Engage directly in the civic life of their community.
- Help to create opportunity for others, including job creation.
- Advance their expertise.
- Fund the ultimate realization of their noble purpose.

Dollar Value: The Simon Fellowship is a \$40,000 unrestricted cash grant. In addition, two \$5,000 cash awards are made to two other outstanding students.

Number of Scholarships: Three – one \$40,000 grant and two \$5000 awards.

Eligibility:

- ✓ While not an academic prize for past accomplishment, the Simon Fellowship will be awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence in preparing themselves to make future contributions.
- ✓ Judges will look for exceptional promise to make important future contributions to society.
- ✓ Thoughtfulness in laying out a plan for future efforts that will realize the noble purpose will also be considered.
- ✓ Reviewers will also seek out a compelling personal experience that demonstrates sacrifice, personal commitment, or the ability to overcome substantial obstacles in pursuit of important goals.

Application Procedures: Complete a Simon Fellowship Application form (PDF), submit official transcripts of all undergraduate course work, include a letter of recommendation relevant to the applicant's noble purpose, write a typed 9–12 page narrative of past efforts, future plans, and individual philosophy for living life characterized by noble purpose. Include a clear statement of how the cash award would be used in the event they are selected as a Simon Fellow for Noble Purpose.

Deadline: Information not yet available online

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