The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships For New Americans 2012 Fellowships

The Fellowships are for study toward graduate degrees in any discipline or profession – including fine and performing arts – at any accredited university in the United States.

They provide up to $90,000 over 2 years: $25,000/year for maintenance; up to $20,000/year for tuition.

To Apply You Must:

- If born abroad, be a naturalized citizen or hold a green card.
- If born in the US, be the child of two immigrant parents, one or both of whom are naturalized citizens.
- Have a bachelor's degree or be on track to earn one by June, 2012. If in a graduate program, you should be in your 1st or 2nd year in 2012-13.
- Maximum age: 30 years old.

Selection Criteria:

- Evidence of significant accomplishments that reflect creativity, originality and/or initiative.
- Evidence of a commitment to constitutional values and responsible citizenship.
- Evidence that planned graduate study will enhance future creativity and accomplishments.
- Promise of continued significant contributions as an American.

Application Deadline: November 1, 2011
Announcement of Fellows: March, 2012

See our website for more details, for biographical sketches of recent recipients, and to apply online:

www.pdsoros.org
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THE COMPETITION TO SELECT THE CLASS OF 2012 FELLOWS

The Awards:
- 30 fellowships
- Each worth up to $90,000 (up to $25,000/year maintenance; up to $20,000/year tuition support).
- For support of up to two years of graduate study
  - in any field
  - at any graduate degree-granting institution in the United States

Eligibility: must meet all of the following three criteria:
- **Status as New American:**
  - Born abroad as non-US citizen?
    - Must have green card or have been naturalized
  - Born in US (or US citizen by birth if born abroad)?
    - Both parents must have been born abroad
    - One (or more) parents must have immigrated to the US and become naturalized.
- **Age:** Cannot have passed 31st birthday as of November 1, 2011.
- **Academic standing:**
  - Must be at least a college senior as of November 1, 2011.
  - Already in a grad program for which support is being sought?
    - Cannot have started third or subsequent year of that program
  - Not in a grad program? or In a grad program that will not be pursued in academic 2012-13?
    - Must apply for admission to qualifying program for academic year 2012-13.

Selection Criteria:
**Primary:**
- Demonstrated and sustained accomplishments that show creativity, originality and initiative
**Additional:**
- Evidence that proposed graduate training is likely to enhance future creativity and accomplishment;
- Evidence that creative accomplishment is likely to persist and grow;
- Evidence that the individual has a commitment to responsible citizenship in this country

Selection Process Benchmarks:
- **Application deadline:** November 1, 2011, 11:59PM EST/9:59PM PST
- **Notification of 77 finalists:** Mid-December
- **Interviews:** Jan 30-31, 2012 in LA; Feb 3 and 6-9, 2012 in New York
- **Announcement of new fellows:** March 2012

Fellows and Alumni: 415 awards over 14 competitions; fellows representing 125 undergrad and 52 grad institutions and family origins in 73 different countries.

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