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Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the program, students must:

- Be 18 years of age;
- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be currently enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university (sophomore year or higher); and
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

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Students will be paid:

- A weekly stipend of \$600 for undergraduate students;
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Preserving the Memory of Mickey Leland

On August 8, 2000, then-Energy Secretary Bill Richardson renamed the Office of Fossil Energy's Minority Education Initiative the *Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship*.

The Secretary stated that the ceremony to honor the late Congressman from Houston - who died on August 7, 1989, in a plane crash - would be a way to "remember a great American who dedicated his life to expanding human potential."

The Secretary also said that he "could find no better way to honor his memory than to endow his name on a program that will elevate the opportunities for future generations of minority students."

Since 2000, the MLEF has provided valuable research opportunities and experience to over 420 students who have graduated from the program.

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