

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



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
 - o in any field
 - o at any graduate degree-granting institution in the United States

Eligibility: must meet *all* of the following three criteria:

- Status as New American:
 - o Born abroad as non-US citizen?

Must have green card or have been naturalized

o 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:
 - o 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:

 Idditional:
- 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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