The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowships

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Award Type: Graduate Study Abroad & Graduate Study-U.S. & Public Service & Social Sciences

Who Can Apply:
- 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 in their junior year for the Pickering Undergraduate Fellowship. For the Pickering Graduate Fellowship, candidates must be seeking admission to graduate school for the following academic year. Winners 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.

Description: The Pickering Undergraduate/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.

Award Amount: The undergraduate fellowship gives financial support up to $40,000 for actual expenses for winners’ senior year in college and their first year in graduate school. The graduate fellowship awards financial support up to $40,000 for actual expenses for winners first and second year of graduate school. The fellowships will allot the remaining funds for room, board, books and travel (one round trip per academic year, up to a set maximum amount). The number of fellowships will be determined by available funding.

National Deadline: Undergraduate Fellowship: Late January, 2015
Graduate Fellowship: Early February, 2015