CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR’S NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP WINNERS
(attached)

READ STUDENT REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

“I learned what I really do and don’t want to do, and how to articulate both to someone else. I learned how to sell myself and my ideas convincingly, and now have more ideas about what I would like to do in the future and why.”

“I was able to reflect upon my values and aspirations and on the people and experiences that shaped them. I was able to develop writing and interviewing abilities and really learn how others view me and my goals/skills.”

“I learned I was a capable individual who can learn from the different experiences that I have had. Furthermore, writing the essays helped me realize that it’s better to write in my own voice than to try to write what I think they want to hear.”

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY
On April 27, 35 students declared their candidacy for a national fellowship next year and 28 others have indicated their intention to do so. You can still declare YOUR intention to Engage In The Process by completing a Declaration of Candidacy Form (next page) and returning it to 220 Legare or emailing it to ofsp@sc.edu

5 SUMMER TASKS FOR NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES

1. Update your resume so it reflects your rich USC years –on and off campus;
2. Talk with OFSP (in person, by phone 777-0958; or email ofsp@sc.edu) to strategize steps for your specific competition;
3. Study the website for your scholarships – become an expert on its requirements and the profiles of previous winners;
4. Discuss your essay questions (in person, by phone or email) with professors who know your history and career goals; and
5. Enjoy the new experiences which await you this summer.
University of South Carolina  
Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs  
Declaration of Candidacy Form  
2009-2010 National Fellowship Candidate  

“It isn’t about winning, but starting.”

Full Name: __________________________________________ SS# (last four digits): ____________________

Email: __________________________________________________________

Local Phone: ____________________________  Cell phone: ____________________________

Summer address: ________________________________________________

Fall 2009 address: ________________________________________________

Permanent address: ________________________________________________

Legal State of Residency: ________________________________

Major(s): ____________________________________  Minor(s): ____________________________________

Expected Date of Graduation: _____ Fall   _____ Spring   _____ Summer 20___

Are you a ___ U.S. Citizen    ___ International Student   ___ Permanent Resident/Green Card Holder?  
Interested in scholarships for minority students?   _____ Yes   _____ No  
If so, which minority group? _________________________________________

Are you a member of SCHC?  _____Yes   _____No  Are you a Capstone Scholar?  _____Yes   _____No

Please share the names of two faculty members who know you well and will support you (through reviewing program proposals, writing you a letter of recommendation, etc) in the fellowship application process.

Name: ____________________________  Dept: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________  Phone: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________  Dept: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________  Phone: ____________________________
PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

List your activities and achievements, emphasizing those that have taken place during your college years. Be sure to include campus and community activities, service projects, leadership roles, etc.

List any research, publications, internships, study abroad experiences and/or other special experiences as an undergraduate.

List honors and awards you have received.

What are your plans for this summer?

Briefly state your career goals, ideally immediately following graduate school and then within five-to-ten years.
Please check the fellowship(s) you intend to apply for during 2009-2010.

___ Cooke Scholarship
Degree Program ________________________________________________________________

___ DAAD Scholarships
Undergraduate Study ______________________________________ Graduate Study ______

___ Department of Defense
Degree Program ______________________________________ Primary Research Focus ______

___ Department of Homeland Security
Degree Program ______________________________________ Primary Research Focus ______

___ EPA Star Fellowship
Degree Program ______________________________________ Primary Research Focus ______

___ Ford Predoctoral Fellowship
Degree program ________________________________________________________________

___ Fulbright Grant (please indicate: ______ Creative/Performing Arts. _______ Study/Research)
Field ___________________________ Country ___________________________ Language __________

___ Fulbright Teaching Assistantship
Country ___________________________ Language: ____________________________

___ Gates-Cambridge Scholarship
Degree Program ________________________________________________________________

___ Goldwater Scholarship
Primary research ________________________________________________________________

___ Javits Fellowship
Degree program ________________________________________________________________

___ Knowles Teaching Fellowship
Science Fellowship ___________________________ Mathematics Fellowship _____________

___ Madison Fellowship
Degree Program ________________________________________________________________
Marshall Scholarship
Preferred UK institution ______________________________  Degree program __________________

Mitchell Scholarship
Preferred institution ________________________________  Degree/Research Interest ____________

NPSC (National Physical Science Consortium)
Degree Program __________________________  Primary Research Focus __________________

NSEP (National Security Education Program)
Country ____________________________  Language ________________________________

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Degree Program __________________________  Primary Research Focus __________________

Pickering Fellowship
Degree Program __________________________  Graduate ________  Undergraduate ________

Rhodes Scholarship
Preferred Oxford degree program __________________________

Soros Fellowship
Degree Program __________________________

Truman Scholarship
Primary public service area:

Udall Scholarship
_____ Environmental Advocacy  _____ Native American/Alaskan Native Healthcare
Or ______ Tribal Public Policy
Related Activities: ____________________________________________________________

By my signature below I affirm that I have researched the fellowship(s) for which I intend to apply and that I meet the eligibility criteria. I give permission for my application for this award, including my GPA, transcripts, individual course grades, and faculty and institutional letters of recommendation and endorsements, to be used and discussed by OFSP and the scholarship committee during the application process. I grant permission for USC to use my biographical information to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship or fellowship including but not limited to broadcast, print, Internet, and other outlets. I also consent to have a copy of my application and all supporting materials retained indefinitely in the Office of Fellowships & Scholar Programs and understand that the application form, essays and activities lists/resumes may be made available for future applicants as an example for their applications. Finally, I grant permission to USC Vice President of Student Affairs, USC Registrar, or their designees to release information to the Director of Fellowships & Scholar Programs from official college records pertaining to academic honesty and conduct offense violations, and to provide contextual information as to the severity of these offenses.

Signature: ________________________________