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

READ STUDENT REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

“I learned that when I have a strong motivation, I am more able to manage my time wisely and work very hard on something. Before, I did not think I had these skills.”

“I tend to jump into things without contemplating the details of the jump. This process helped me to slow down and try to understand why I want to move across the globe and what the implications of that decision will be.”

“The essays were more in depth and asked questions that I had never had to answer before. By formulating answers to these questions, I got to know my plans much better than I would have, had I not applied for this scholarship.”

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

On April 26, 28 students declared their candidacy for a national fellowship next year and 21 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 - advisors are available all summer;
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.
TO HONOR, OR NOT? DECIPHERING HONOR SOCIETIES

This is the time of year when you begin to receive a number of invitations to Honor Societies on campus. Below are some hints and tips to help you decipher what is best for YOU.

1. **Phi Beta Kappa is tops.** This is an honor society considered to be the most prestigious in the country. If you receive an invitation to join, do it! This would occur in your junior or senior year. It is by invitation only to students fitting their criteria. Here are websites for PBK both local [http://www.sc.edu/pbk/members.html](http://www.sc.edu/pbk/members.html) and national [http://www.pbk.org/](http://www.pbk.org/). Not all campuses have a chapter of PBK.

2. **Do your research before joining!** Yes, many of them (okay, well most of them) are costly, so check out this site first: [http://www.achsnatl.org/](http://www.achsnatl.org/). This site is the Association of College Honor Societies, and they have some excellent links such as "Concerned about Honor Society Legitimacy? Click here." and "How to Judge the Credibility of an Honor Society."

3. **Check out the group on the USC website.** Do a search, find out their officers or advisors, and email them. Many of our local USC honor societies are very involved in campus or community activities, so joining one may be an outlet for new friends and experiences. Many engage in service projects, have socials, or other campus activities. Some offer scholarships or fellowships, like Alpha Lambda Delta, Tau Beta Pi or Golden Key.

4. **Will joining an honor society be a plus on my resume?** *Unless it's Phi Beta Kappa,* the answer is no UNLESS you plan to get involved with the group’s activities. If you apply for a national fellowship and list a group or honor society of which you are a part, you may get asked about it in an interview. Without involvement in these groups or honor society, you would not have much to say about them and the true value of membership becomes questionable.

**INVESTIGATE OTHER RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE**

**DEVELOPING A COMPETITIVE PROFILE**
[http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/app_advice.html](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/app_advice.html)

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUNDING**
[http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/suggestionsforfunding.html](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/suggestionsforfunding.html)

**IDENTIFY AND THEN SPEAK WITH PREVIOUS WINNERS**
[http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/awards.html](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/awards.html)

**APPLICATION PROCESS**
[http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/app_process.html](http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/app_process.html)

**OFSP SUMMER HOURS**
We hope this finds you at the end of an enriching spring semester, looking forward to new experiences this summer!

Keep in mind, *our office is open and our services are available during the summer – in person and electronically.* In fact, we encourage you to use this time to research scholarships which interest you and let us know of your questions. While we do not hold set drop-in hours in the summer, we are happy to make appointments with you to discuss your interests. Please e-mail us at [ofsp@sc.edu](mailto:ofsp@sc.edu) or call 777-0958 to schedule an appointment.
Fulbright Grant
Grants for nine months of research, teaching, and study abroad.
- Jeremy Gahm – 2001 Graduate, Finance, Spain, SC*
- Nessa Kerr – Senior, Art History, Germany, CO*
- Hannah Nicol – Graduate Student, Higher Ed, Macau, OH
- Jessica Steele – Senior, BARSC, Argentina, SC*
- Chase Stoudenmire – 2008 Grad, History, Soviet Republic of Georgia, SC
- Callie Van Koughnett – 2007 Graduate, Marine Science, Denmark, TX*
- Michelle Williams – Ph. D. Student, Health Promotion, Ghana, FL

Alternates:
- Becca Bandy – Senior, Mechanical Engineering, VA*
- Sara Winn – Senior, Chemistry, Taiwan, SC*

Recommended:
- David Ensor – Senior, Political Science, Taiwan, NJ*

Gates Cambridge Scholarship
Awards for two years of study in any field at University of Cambridge.
Finalist:
- Brandon Murphy – Senior, Chemical Engineering, SC†

Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship
For undergraduates to participate in study abroad programs.
- Mwafuq Abu-Shanab – Sophomore, Undeclared, Brazil, SC
- Megan Behrmer – Junior, Biological Sciences, Spain, SC
- Robert Bonanno – Sophomore, Biological Sciences, Spain, SC
- Bo Boorum – Junior, History, Scotland, SC
- Christian Buckson – Sophomore, History, England, SC*
- Rick Carver–Sophomore, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Ireland, SC
- James Clowney – Senior, Broadcast Journalism, Netherlands, SC
- Gayle Harris – Senior, International Business, China, GA†
- Kyle Moorees – Sophomore, History, Czech Republic, NC
- Austin Nabors-Keating – Senior, International Business, Japan, NE*
- Taylor Odom – Junior, Undeclared, Netherlands, KS†
- Molly Starr – Junior, Art Studio, Netherlands, SC
- Janell Vanarthos – Junior, Public Relations, Greece, PA

BARRY M. Goldwater Scholarship
These $7,500 scholarships provide for undergraduate study in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering.
- Sarah Pulliam – Junior, Biology & English, SC

Honorable Mention:
- Stephen Timko – Sophomore, Marine Science & Chemistry, MI*

Knowles Science and Math Teaching Fellowship
$125,000 of support for five years of graduate work for future science and math teachers in grades 9-12.
- Andrea Moore – Senior, Mathematics, SC

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship
$130,000 fellowship awarded for three years of support.
- Beth Ann Bell – 2008 Graduate, Geology, VA*
- David Coats – Graduate Student, Electrical Engineering, SC
- Denise Dunovant – 2008 Graduate, Geography and African Studies, SC
- Cynthia Kraft, 2008 Graduate, Psychology, SC*
- Elizabeth LaBone – Senior, Biological Sciences, SC*
- Joey Montoya – Senior, Chemical Engineering, SC*
- Catherine Owensby – 2006 Graduate, Biological Sciences, OR*
- Christopher Poirel – 2008 Graduate, Mathematics, VA*
- Brad Setzler – Senior, Mathematics, SC*
- Amanda Whaley – 2004 Graduate, Physics, TX*

Honorable Mention:
- Alexander Lesov – 2009 Graduate, Physics, GA*
- Aaron Warren – 2007 Graduate, BARSC, SC*

NOAA/Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship
Awarded tomajors that support NOAA’s programs and missions.
- Erin Fedewa – Sophomore, Marine Science, MI†
- Nicole Kish – Sophomore, Marine Science, PA*
- Stephen Timko – Sophomore, Marine Science & Chemistry, MI*

NSEP/Boren Scholarships
Grants awarded for developing expertise in languages, cultures and world regions less commonly studied.
- David Ensor – Senior, Political Science, NJ*
- Olivia Keyes – Freshman, Physics, SC*
- India Wells – Sophomore, International Business, MD*

Alternate:
- William Brown – Freshman, Russian, SC

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship
Provides funding to participants as they prepare to enter the United States Department of State Foreign Service
Finalists:
- Helen Knight – Junior, International Studies, GA*
- Charles Hall – 2008 Graduate, History, SC

Rhodes Scholarship
Awards for two years of study in anyfield at Oxford University.
Finalists:
- Jeet Gurm – Senior, BARSC, SC*
- Joey Montoya – Senior, Chemical Engineering & Mathematics, SC*

Rotary International Scholarship
Awards for nine months of study abroad.
- Jeremy Gahm – 2001 Graduate, Finance, SC*
- Karly Miller – 2009 Graduate, Marine Science, OH*
- Marin Mueller – Junior, Marketing, TX*

Harry S. Truman Scholarship
$30,000 award to 60 college juniors who intend to pursue graduate study and careers in public service.
Finalists:
- Katie Parham – Junior, Political Science & French, SC*
- Peter Schaeffling – Junior, Political Science & Economics, OH*

Morris K. Udall Scholarship
$5,000 scholarship awarded to undergraduate students pursuing careers related to environmental public policy or Native American or Alaskan Native students pursuing health care or tribal public policy.
- Lesley Joseph – Junior, Civil & Environmental Engineering, SC

United States Department of State Critical Languages Scholarship
Awards for intensive overseas study in critical need foreign languages.
- Matthew Casedonte – Sophomore, International Business, SC*
- Paul Ryan – Junior, BARSC, FL†
- Jasmine Whelan – Junior, International Studies & Russian, SC*

National Internship Winners:
- DAAD RISE Research Internship
Science & Engineering
Awards for internships in Germany
- Jennifer Link – Junior, Chemistry & Biological Science, SC†

Palmetto Academy SC Space Grant Consortium
Immersive and integrated training academy to meet the growing need by NASA for skilled science and engineering workers.
- Emily Grrazcyk – Freshman, Biomedical Engineering, NC*
- Collins-Jamal Smith – Sophomore, Biological Sciences, SC*

*Member, SCHC
†Capstone Scholar

The Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs
Announces USC’s 2009-10 National Fellowship and Scholarship Winners

Since the Fellowships Office was established in 1994, University students have won 477 national awards totaling more than $13.8 million for advanced academic study. To date this year, 158 national applications were submitted. Of the 158, 19 advanced to the finalists round, three won internships, and 45 were selected as scholars. These 45 awards winners have earned more than $1,773,500 for advanced academic study. University faculty members serve on scholarship committees and assist students in preparing their applications.
University of South Carolina  
Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs  
Declaration of Candidacy Form  
2010-2011 National Fellowship Candidate  

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

Note: Form to be signed and submitted at the National Signing Day Ice Cream Social. If you are unable to attend, please bring it to the Fellowships Office, Legare College 220.

Full Name: ____________________________________________ SS# (last four digits): __________

Email: ____________________________________________________________

Local Phone: ________________________  Cell phone: (_____) ___________________  Area Code

Summer address:  
Address  
City  
State  
Zip

Fall 2010 address:  
Address  
City  
State  
Zip

Permanent address:  
Address  
City  
State  
Zip

Legal State of Residency:  
__________________________________________________________

Major(s): ___________________________________________  Minor(s): __________

Please circle the ethnicity with which you most closely associate: American Indian or Alaskan native • Asian or Pacific Islander • Black, not of Hispanic origin • Hispanic • White, not of Hispanic origin • Other

Are you a (please circle): U.S. Citizen • International student • Permanent Resident/Green Card Holder

Foreign Language____________________ Honors College_____  Capstone Scholar______

Anticipated Graduation Date__________  Cum. GPA__________

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 2010-2011.

_____ Critical Languages Scholarship (language study for summer 2011)
Language __________________________ Country __________________________

_____ DAAD Scholarships
Undergraduate Study __________________________ Graduate Study __________________________

_____ Department of Defense, National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships (NDSEG)
Degree Program __________________________ Primary Research Focus __________________________

_____ Department of Homeland Security Scholarships
Undergraduate Study __________________________ Graduate Study __________________________

_____ EPA Star Fellowship
Degree Program __________________________ Primary Research Focus __________________________

_____ Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship
Degree Program __________________________

_____ Fulbright Grant (please indicate: _______ Creative/Performing Arts, _______ Study/Research)
Field __________________________ Country __________________________ Language __________________________

_____ Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)
Country __________________________ Language: __________________________

_____ Gates-Cambridge Scholarship
Degree Program __________________________

_____ Goldwater Scholarship – attention rising sophomores and juniors!
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 ______________________________

NOAA Hollings Scholarship – attention rising sophomores!
Major ______________________________ Degree/Research Interest ______________________________

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

NSEP (National Security Education Program)/Boren Scholarships
Country ______________ Language ______________

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Degree Program ______________________________ Primary Research Focus ______________________________

Pickering Fellowship
Degree Program ______________________________ Graduate ________ Undergraduate ________

Rhodes Scholarship
Preferred Oxford degree program

Rotary Scholarship for 2012-13
Country ______________________________ Language ______________________________

Soros Fellowship
Degree Program ______________________________

Truman Scholarship – attention rising juniors!
Primary public service area: ______________________________

Udall Scholarship – attention rising sophomores and juniors!
Environmental Advocacy ______ Native American/Alaskan Native Healthcare or ______ Tribal Public Policy

NOTE: Under FERPA (Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act) your educational records will be made available to any school officials (including selection committee members) who must review your records in order to fulfill their professional responsibility for the University. Questions about the privacy of your educational records may be directed to the Office of the University Registrar. http://registrar.sc.edu

I authorize and consent to the University’s Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs (OFSP) using my biographical information to promote my nomination or receipt of a national fellowship. I authorize and consent to OFSP keeping a copy of my application form, essays and resume for use as an example for future applicants. I further authorize and consent to OFSP accessing and using my USC education records, including but not limited to my academic records and records pertaining to academic honesty, conduct, and any records pertaining to me in the Office of Student Judicial Programs, as a part of any advice or services provided by OFSP.

Signature of student ______________________________ Date ______________________________

Office Use: Major Number: ______ Hours earned: ______ GPA: ______ Semester: ______ Class of: ______