

enhance his or her career as a secondary school teacher of American history, American government, social studies, or political science;

(2) An essay of up to 600 words that explains the importance of the study of the Constitution to:

(i) Young students;

(ii) The applicant's career aspirations and his or her contributions to public service; and

(iii) Citizenship generally in a constitutional republic;

(3) The applicant's proposed course of graduate study, including the name of the degree to be sought, the required courses to be taken, as well as information about the specific degree sought;

(4) Three evaluations, one from an immediate supervisor, that attest to the applicant's strengths and abilities as a teacher in grades 7-12; and

(5) A copy of his or her academic transcript.

(b) Junior Fellowships:

(1) Supporting information which affirms an applicant's wish to be considered for a fellowship; provides information about the applicant's background, interests, goals, and the college which he or she attends or attended; and includes a statement about the applicant's educational plans and specifies how those plans will lead to a career as a teacher of American history, American government, social studies, or political science in grades 7-12;

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(i) Young students;

(ii) The applicant's career aspirations and his or her contribution to public service; and

(iii) Citizenship generally in a constitutional republic;

(3) Applicant's proposed course of graduate study, including the name of the degree sought, the name of the required courses to be taken, and information about the specific degree sought;

(4) Three evaluations that attest to the applicant's academic achievements and to his or her potential to become an outstanding secondary school teacher; and

(5) A copy of his or her academic transcript.

**§ 2400.22 Application deadline.**

Completed applications must be received by the Foundation no later than March 1st of each year preceding the start of the academic year for which candidates are applying.

**Subpart D—Selection of Fellows**

**§ 2400.30 Selection criteria.**

Applicants will be evaluated, on the basis of materials in their applications, as follows:

(a) Demonstrated commitment to teaching American history, American government, social studies, or political science at the secondary school level;

(b) Demonstrated intention to pursue a program of graduate study that emphasizes the Constitution and to offer classroom instruction in that subject;

(c) Demonstrated record of willingness to devote themselves to civic responsibility;

(d) Outstanding performance or potential of performance as classroom teachers;

(e) Academic achievements and demonstrated capacity for graduate study; and

(f) Proposed courses of graduate study, especially the nature and extent of their subject matter components, and their relationship to the enhancement of applicants' teaching and professional activities.

**§ 2400.31 Selection process.**

(a) An independent Fellow Selection Committee will evaluate all valid applications and recommend to the Foundation the most outstanding applicants from each state for James Madison Fellowships.

(b) From among candidates recommended for fellowships by the Fellow Selection Committee, the Foundation will name James Madison Fellows. The selection procedure will assure that at least one James Madison Fellow, junior or senior, is selected from each state in which there are at least two legally resident applicants who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in §2400.3 and are judged favorably against the selection criteria in §2400.30.