Harvard University

George Leadership Fellowships

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Application Guidelines 2009-2010

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for the George Leadership Fellowships are individuals who are entering their third year in the joint or concurrent degree programs offered through Harvard Business School (HBS) and Harvard Kennedy School (HKS). Fellows in the program will be required to be entering their third year of the degree program as they begin their Fellowship.

Successful candidates will have a demonstrated interest in community and organizational transformation through public service, activism, and social entrepreneurship and commit to working in two of three sectors— public, private, and nonprofit— over the course of their careers.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the George Leadership Fellowship Selection Committee with any questions about eligibility before submitting their applications.

FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

Fellowships may not be deferred. Candidates are eligible to receive only one George Leadership Fellowship per fellowship year. Active participation in the cocurricular program is required.

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered, candidates for the George Leadership Fellowship must fill out this application form and submit it to the George Leadership Fellowship Selection Committee.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- ☐ Completed and signed Fellowship Application Form
- ☐ Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ One essay, as outlined below
- ☐ One Letter of Recommendation, as outlined below

About the application
The application form may be downloaded in PDF format at:
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About the Essays
The George Leadership Fellowship is awarded based on the recipients' potential to lead major change across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The typed essay should include the applicant's name on each page and the applicant's signature at the end of the document. The essay should not exceed 1000 words. Please respond to the following:

How do you anticipate your career, and life more broadly, progressing after your time at Harvard? Be sure to include the types of work in which you hope to be involved -- the activities that lie at the intersection of your greatest passions and your perceptions of society's greatest need(s). Your response should also explain your core values and how they will influence your choices.

About the Letter of Recommendation
One letter of recommendation is required to support the application and should be written specifically for the fellowship. The most effective letter will explicitly reference the applicant's leadership capacity and potential to lead change across private, public, or nonprofit sectors.

The signed, original letter should be submitted on letterhead and in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature signed across the back flap. The letter should be submitted with the application if possible, but they may be mailed directly to the Committee office by the deadline if necessary. They should be addressed to the George Leadership Fellowship Selection Committee, c/o Elizabeth Arnold, Center for Public Leadership, 79 John F. Kennedy Street, Mailbox 124, Cambridge, MA 02138. Please use this same address for express shipping services. Please do not submit more than one letter of reference.

DEADLINES

The application deadline for the 2009-2010 George Leadership Fellowship is **Friday, March 6th, 2009**. This is not a postmark deadline. Fellowship applications must arrive and be physically at the George Fellowship Committee office before the close of business at **5:00pm on Friday, March 6th, 2009**.

If you have concerns about the application materials arriving by the deadline, please consider sending your materials through an express mail service that will guarantee an arrival date. Confirmation that your application has been received may be requested by email only.

SUBMITTING THE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Additional materials
Please do not submit additional materials not requested as part of the application materials (newspaper clippings, photos, portfolios, etc.). The Committee will not review these materials.

Presentation of Materials

Please do not bind or staple materials. Application materials should be fastened with a single paperclip in one group.

Applications will not be accepted by facsimile or email. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Mailing Application Materials

Fellowship applications may be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service or express shipping to:

George Fellowship Committee
c/o Elizabeth Arnold
Center for Public Leadership
79 John F. Kennedy Street
Mailbox 124
Cambridge, MA 02138

They may also be delivered in person to the following address:

George Fellowship Committee
c/o Elizabeth Arnold
Center for Public Leadership
79 John F. Kennedy Street
Taubman Building, First Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions about the application, guidelines, or eligibility requirements of the George Leadership Fellowships or questions about the cocurricular program should be directed to the George Leadership Fellowship Selection Committee at (617) 496-5238 or by email to elizabeth_arnold@harvard.edu.