

Harvard University George Leadership Fellowship

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Application Guidelines 2017-2018

THE AWARD

Made possible through a generous gift from the George Family Foundation, the George Leadership Fellowship supports students in the joint program offered through Harvard Business School (HBS) and Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) with a \$10,000 award. The fellowships reflect the foundation's commitment to enhancing public service by investing in character formation and leadership development.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for the George Leadership Fellowships are individuals who are entering their third year in the joint degree program offered through Harvard Business School (HBS) and Harvard Kennedy School (HKS).

Successful candidates will have a demonstrated interest in community and organizational transformation through public service, activism, and/or social entrepreneurship. Additionally, candidates should show a commitment 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. Active participation in the cocurricular program is required.

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered, candidates must fill out the George Leadership Fellowship application form and submit it to the George Leadership Fellowship Selection Committee by 12 noon on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed and signed Fellowship Application Form
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (of no more than four pages)
- One essay, as outlined below
- One letter of recommendation, as outlined below
- Brief individual interview with members of the selection committee

About the Application

The application form may be downloaded in PDF format at:

<http://cpl.hks.harvard.edu/george-leadership-fellowship>

About the Essay

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 and should respond to the following:

The George Leadership Fellowship is awarded based on the recipient's potential to lead significant change across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. How do you anticipate your career, and life more broadly, progressing after your time at Harvard? Be sure to include the sectors and types of work in which you hope to be involved. How has your background and experience enabled you to become a transformative leader across sectors? Please also discuss how your core values and ethical principles have informed your professional choices and development.

About the Letter of Recommendation

One letter of recommendation is required to support the application and should be written or tailored 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 it may be mailed directly to the committee by the deadline if necessary. The letter should be addressed to the George Fellowship Selection Committee, c/o Brandon Ward, Center for Public Leadership, 79 John F. Kennedy Street, Mailbox 124, Cambridge, MA 02138. Please use this same address for express shipping services.

The letter of recommendation may be emailed if necessary. It must be sent directly by the recommender to cpl_fellowships@hks.harvard.edu and must be a PDF or scanned letter that includes the recommender's letterhead and signature (note: if this is not possible/appropriate, we will follow up with the recommender as necessary). Please do not submit more than one letter of reference.

About the Interview

In addition to the application materials outlined above, candidates will participate in a brief in-person interview on the HBS campus on either Thursday, March 23rd or Friday, March 24th, 2017. Notification of the specific time and place will be sent in advance.

DEADLINE

The application deadline for the 2017–2018 George Leadership Fellowship is 12 noon on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017. This is not a postmark deadline. Fellowship applications must arrive and be physically at the Center for Public Leadership office by the deadline. Letters of recommendation should be submitted with the application if possible but they may be mailed

directly to the Committee office. *Letters of recommendation must be received by the same deadline as the application.*

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. 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 Selection Committee
c/o Brandon Ward
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 Selection Committee
c/o Brandon Ward
Center for Public Leadership
79 John F. Kennedy Street
Taubman Building, First Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138

Alternatively, all materials may be emailed to the selection committee to Brandon Ward at cpl_fellowships@hks.harvard.edu. However, please note that letters of recommendation should be on letterhead and sealed or, if submitted by email, should be submitted directly to the above email address via PDF or otherwise scanned so that the recommender's letterhead and signature are included.

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 Fellowship Selection Committee via Barbara Best at (617) 496-5906 or by email to barbara_best@hks.harvard.edu.