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THOMAS R. PICKERING  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



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THE WOODROW WILSON  
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*The Thomas R. Pickering  
Foreign Affairs  
Fellowship Program  
will prepare you  
for the most interesting  
work in the world.*

## THE FOREIGN SERVICE

### THE VISION

To represent America in world affairs with citizens who reflect the diversity and excellence of our society.

### THE NEED

To recruit talented students in academic programs relevant to international affairs, political and economic analysis, management, and science policy.

### THE GOAL

To attract outstanding students from all ethnic and social backgrounds who have an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career in the U.S. Department of State. The Program develops a source of trained men and women, from academic disciplines representing the skill needs of the Department, who are dedicated to representing America's interests abroad.

## THE THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PROVIDES UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE FUNDING TO PARTICIPANTS AS THEY ARE PREPARED ACADEMICALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOREIGN SERVICE. WOMEN, MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AND STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL NEED ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

## ELIGIBILITY

***Only United States citizens will be considered.***

Applicants must be in the **junior year** of undergraduate study with a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.

A cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher must be maintained throughout participation in the program.

## SELECTION

Consideration will be given to qualified applicants who demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement in programs relevant to the work of the U.S. Department of State, such as international affairs, management, communications, history, political science, economics, and foreign languages, and also to those who demonstrate financial need. The number of fellowships will be determined by available funding.

Final interviews will be held in Washington D.C.

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

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### THE AWARD

In 2012, the Department of State, through the WWNFF, agrees to provide financial support of up to \$40,000 annually for actual expenses for the **senior year of college and the first year of graduate study**. Tuition costs will be covered first. **Pending availability**, any remaining funding will be allotted to the following related academic fees and expenses: room, board, books, mandatory fees and one round-trip ticket per academic year between the Fellow's residence and the academic institution.

### TWO PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Undergraduate Fellows receive stipends during their participation in two paid summer internships: one in Washington, D.C. at the Department of State the summer immediately following graduation from college and one overseas at a U.S. embassy during the summer between the first and second years of graduate school.

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### MENTORING

Fellows will have access to Foreign Service Officers and mentors during the program.

### TESTING

Fellows must meet U.S. Department of State entry requirements for Foreign Service Officers.

### CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

Each successful candidate is obligated to a minimum of three years of service in an appointment as a Foreign Service Officer. Candidates must be able to obtain medical, security and suitability clearances in order to remain in the program. Candidates who do not successfully complete the Program and meet Foreign Service entry requirements may be subject to a reimbursement obligation to the U.S. Department of State.



## FOREIGN SERVICE CAREER

**T**HE FOREIGN SERVICE is a corps of working professionals who support the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of State in pursuit of the goals and objectives of American foreign policy. Foreign Service Officers are “front-line” personnel who can be sent anywhere in the world, at any time, in service to the diplomatic needs of the United States. A career in the Foreign Service requires unusual commitment, uncommon motivation, and the ability to endure hardship while continuing to advance and defend U.S. interests.



State Department Foreign Service Officers staff U.S. embassies, consulates and missions world-wide, and also serve in Washington, D.C. Their responsibilities include policy analysis, formulation and execution; management of resources; the provision of services to Americans overseas; implementation of U.S. immigration and nationality law; trade promotion and business facilitation; public affairs; and representation of U.S. interests. Many other federal agencies, from the Agency for International Development to the Department of Veterans Affairs, are also involved in foreign affairs, but the State Department is the only agency whose sole mission is international and whose scope encompasses all aspects of U.S. foreign relations.

Success in the Foreign Service requires the capacity to accept and follow directives regardless of personal preferences and a very strong command of the English language in both written and oral communications. The Foreign Service is more than a job. It is a career which offers unique rewards, opportunities, and challenges.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOREIGN SERVICE, SEE [www.careers.state.gov](http://www.careers.state.gov) OR [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

## APPLICATIONS

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship application is available for college juniors online at [www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org).

Online application and all supporting documents must be **received by February 3, 2012**.

Letters of recommendation, and all paper documents required per online instructions, should be mailed to:

**Dr. Caryl McFarlane, Director**  
**Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs**  
**Fellowship Program**  
THE WOODROW WILSON  
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION  
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**FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**



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*Since 1945, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has identified and developed the best minds for the nation's most important challenges. In these areas of challenge, the Foundation awards fellowships to enrich human resources, works to improve public policy, and assists organizations and institutions in enhancing practice in the U.S. and abroad.*

**PUBLIC LAW 101-246**  
**101<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESS**  
**104 STAT.42 SECTION 47**

**GRANTS FOR TRAINING  
AND EDUCATION  
IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

"The Secretary of State may make grants to post-secondary educational institutions or students for the purpose of increasing the level of knowledge and awareness of and interest in employment with the Foreign Service, consistent with section 105 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980. To the extent possible, the Secretary shall give special emphasis to promoting such knowledge and awareness of, and interest in employment with the Foreign Service among minority students. Any grants awarded shall be made pursuant to regulations to be established by the Secretary of State, which shall provide for a limit on the size of any specific grant and, regarding any grants to individuals, shall ensure that no grant recipient receives an amount of grants from one or more Federal programs which in the aggregate would exceed the cost of his or her education, and shall require satisfactory educational progress by grantees as a condition of eligibility for continued receipt of grant funds."

February 16, 1990