Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

Award Details

Emphasis: Academic

Every year, the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans awards thirty Fellowships to immigrants, and the children of immigrants, who are pursuing graduate education in the United States. Each award is worth up to $90,000 (up to $25,000/year stipend; up to $20,000/year tuition support). Awards support up to two year of full-time graduate study in any field, including the visual and performing arts, and at any graduate degree-granting institution in the United States, with the exception of online programs. In addition to funding, Fellows join a community of over 500 New Americans with family origins in over 75 different countries.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have status as a New American:
  - If an applicant was born abroad as a non-US citizen, then they must have been naturalized, be a green card holder, or be a DACS recipient.
  - If an applicant was born in the US, or was born abroad as a US citizen, both parents must have been born abroad as non-US citizens.
- Eligible applicants cannot have reached or passed their 31st birthday as of November of the application year.
- All Fellows must be in a qualifying program for full-time study in the 2017-2018 academic year. Eligible applicants must be at least a college senior as of November of the application year, or if an applicant is in a graduate program for which support is being sought, they cannot have started a third or subsequent year of that program. Online programs, executive MBAs, and extended 5-year undergraduate/master’s programs do not qualify.

Candidate Profile

Key Characteristics Sought by Review Committee

- The Fellowship program looks for applicants who have demonstrated and sustained accomplishments that show creativity, originality and initiative. In addition, the Fellowship looks for evidence that an applicant’s proposed graduate training is likely to enhance future creativity and accomplishment, that accomplishment is likely to persist and grow, and that the individual has a commitment to responsible citizenship in this country.

Application

Date Application Available: April
Internal Application Due Date: October
Final Application Due Date: November