

Financial Aid Highlights

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2006 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowships - FAH (Vol. 7, No. 35)

Students are advised that once again, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (WWNFF) is seeking well- motivated and academically excellent graduating seniors or recent graduates, who represent all ethnic and social backgrounds, to apply for **2006 Thomas R Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowships**. The program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of State, honors former Ambassador Pickering, one of the country's most respected Foreign Service Officers.

Applicants must have minimum undergraduate g.p.a.s of 3.2 or higher (on a scale of 4.0), and must be interested in becoming Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State. Applicants must begin their master's degree programs (such as public policy, international affairs, public administration, or academic fields such as business, economics, political science, sociology or foreign languages) in fall 2006 (2006-07 academic year). Candidates should demonstrate academic strength in their coursework and participation in activities that highlight leadership potential and involvement in their communities. As noted in the WWNFF brochure, "Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply."

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships has an application packet for the 2006 Thomas R Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship, which includes: Brochure, Application Instructions/Application Form, GRE Addendum Form, and Government Forms SF181 and SF256 (referred to in the application as "Employment Data Form"). In addition, all applicants must provide a copy of their most recent financial aid award letter that lists grants or loans, and provide a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR), which indicates the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number.

The fellowship application deadline date is *February 28, 2006*. The fellowship award includes full tuition and mandatory fees, living stipend (based on the institution's room and board rate), books, one round-trip travel for the first and second years of graduate school, and paid State Department summer internships in Washington, DC and overseas, pending availability of funding.

Students should visit the WWNFF website (<http://www.woodrow.org>) for more information about the Pickering fellowships, additional application instructions, and descriptions of other WWNFF programs.

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