

Financial Aid Highlights

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2006 Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships - FAH (Vol. 7, No. 43)

Students are advised that once again, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation is seeking talented and highly-motivated college *sophomores*, who represent all ethnic and social backgrounds, to apply for 2006 Thomas R Pickering 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 3.2 g.p.a.'s or higher (on a scale of 4.0), and must be interested in becoming Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State. Eligible candidates will have performed well in their academic coursework and have participated in activities that attest to their leadership potential and involvement in their communities. As noted in the Foundation's information brochure, "Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply."

All applicants must provide a copy of their most recent financial aid letter that lists grants or loans received, and provide a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR), which indicates the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number.

The application deadline date is *February 24, 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 during the junior and senior years of college, paid State Department summer internships in Washington and overseas, and fellowship support for master's degrees in international affairs, 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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