



Ohio Board of Regents

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The Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship Program recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of some of Ohio's most talented Baccalaureate graduates and encourages the pursuit of graduate/professional study at Ohio colleges and universities. Central to this program is the proposition that talented students who complete graduate study in Ohio are more likely to remain in the state and contribute to the state's economic and social viability than those who leave the state to pursue graduate/professional opportunities.

About 70 scholars receive Regents Fellowships each year with at least one fellowship awarded to a senior from each eligible Ohio public and private college or university which submits candidates for consideration. Fellowships provide \$3,500 each year for two years of full-time graduate/professional study. To be eligible, a student must:

- (a) Have earned a baccalaureate degree (during the current academic year) at an Ohio public or private, non-profit college or university which has a permanent campus in Ohio and holds a Certificate of Authorization from the Ohio Board of Regents;
- (b) plan to enroll full-time in an eligible Ohio graduate or graduate professional school within the same year of receiving a bachelor's degree;
- (c) be a U. S. citizen; and
- (d) be an Ohio resident as defined by Board of Regents Rule 3333-1-10.

1. Undergraduate GPA:

GPA must rank among the top of the class as of February 1 of the senior year or the percentile placement on the appropriate graduate or professional examination (the GRE, MCAT, GMAT, or LSAT for example) must be at least 90. Verification of the student's examination scores must be provided.

2. Complete Transcript:

GPA will be computed on a 4-point system, where A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, and F = 0. Grades assigned differently must be converted to this system. All previous undergraduate work must be reported and included in the grade-point average. Official transcripts of all undergraduate work must be provided.

3. Campus Review:

Each college and university review committee examines credentials and interviews fellowship candidates. This committee ranks and nominates two candidates or three candidates if one is a minority student. In addition to the academic record, the committee may also consider the student's leadership activities, strength of character and motivation, and letters of recommendation. Three letters of recommendation with at least two from members of the academic faculty are required.

4. Short Essay:

Candidates submit a written essay of 700 words or more

Top undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for a Regents Fellowship through an Ohio college or university. Academic advisors will provide a detailed written explanation of the fellowship program, the necessary forms and a complete set of instructions.

This award is to be used toward a graduate or graduate professional degree. The Ohio Board of Regents expects that the fellowship will be combined with other awards and incentives such as assistantships, fee waivers and scholarships, to attract exceptional graduate students to Ohio's colleges and universities.

Policies regarding deadlines, transfers, refunds, leaves-of-absence, academic progress and award payment procedures may be obtained from your financial aid office, your intended graduate school, or from:

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