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## THE JAMES A. FINNEGAN FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

### 2012 SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Please provide the following Required Documents

1. A **grade transcript**, certified by the registrar or other appropriate administrative official in your college or university. It should have background information explaining grade symbols and, if possible, indicating relative class standing of the applicant.
2. A statement describing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities or civic activities. It may be in narrative or outline form. Please, no more than 500 words in length.
3. A statement describing the applicant's reason for applying for the internship program. Again, no more than 500 words in length,
4. **Letters of Recommendation.** The number of letters of recommendation is not as important as their content and the opportunity which the faculty member, administrative official or community leader has had to evaluate the applicant's ability, performance, and leadership potential.
5. Completed **Application Form** (see page 2)
5. **Essay Answer** (see question next page). The essay subject should be at least 1,000 words in length and should also be typed and double-spaced on one side of the paper only, all sheets numbered consecutively. It should include a cover sheet with the name of the applicant and the name of the college or university attended. Also required are footnotes and a bibliography. **APPLICANT'S NAME OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON TEXT PAGES OF THE ESSAY.** A title is not specifically required, but the essay should be designed to serve as an answer to the following question: **ELECTRONICALLY:**

The completed application with required documents must be received electronically by February 4<sup>th</sup> or if sent by mail postmarked by the same date.

To apply, send an email (with required attachments) to: [bbam200@aol.com](mailto:bbam200@aol.com) or mail to:

Contest Coordinator  
THE JAMES A. FINNEGAN FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION  
3332 Ridgeway Street  
Reading, Pa 19605



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APPLICATION FORM**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Applicant:**

**Present:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Numbers: Present :** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Permanent:** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**College or University Attending:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major Study:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Minor Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant certifies that applicant is:**

1. \_\_\_ **A resident of Pennsylvania attending an accredited college or university at the time the essay is submitted, here or elsewhere: OR**  
\_\_\_ **A non-resident student attending an accredited Pennsylvania college or university at the time the essay is submitted.**
2. \_\_\_ **An undergraduate student working toward a baccalaureate degree to be obtained (year) \_\_\_**
3. \_\_\_ **Not a previous winner of a James A. Finnegan Fellowship internship.**
4. \_\_\_ **Available to serve an internship in Harrisburg, PA for a minimum of 8 weeks and a maximum of 10 weeks beginning on or about the last week of May and concluding on or about the last week in August.**
5. \_\_\_ **Is eligible to work in the United States.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## 2012 ESSAY QUESTION

There are two proposals currently being considered that would change the way Pennsylvania casts its electoral votes. Under the current system, the presidential candidate who receives the highest number of popular votes in the state receives all 20 of the state's electoral votes.

One proposed change would reward 18 of the electoral votes on the basis of which presidential candidate wins in each of the state's congressional districts. Two electoral votes would continue to be awarded to the winner of the statewide race. Currently, only two states use this system. The supporters of this proposal say that it would more closely align the electoral vote with the popular vote in the state. Opponents argue that it would lessen Pennsylvania's national influence and discourage voters in non-competitive districts.

The other proposal would guarantee Pennsylvania's electoral votes to the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states. The proponents of this measure believe that elections should be awarded to the person who receives the most national votes. Opponents argue that the proposal would eliminate the influence of individual states.

Do you favor retaining the current electoral system or changing the way electors are chosen in Pennsylvania? What plan would you recommend? Discuss the pros and cons of each.