



Florida's Most Prestigious Program for Leadership and Public Service

Created in 2004 by Governor Jeb Bush to provide the next generation of leaders with first-hand, senior-level exposure to the workings of state government and to expand their commitment to public service.



2007-2008 Class of Fellows meet with Governor Bush



Members of 2012-2013 Fellows class at the State Emergency Operations Center

Fellows are placed in the Executive Office of the Governor or one of the Governor's agencies.

During their nine-month tenure in Tallahassee, Fellows receive advanced on-the-job training as well as an invaluable front-line view of the inner workings of government.



Members of 2009-2010 Fellows class at the State Emergency Operations Center

Weekly Lecture Series – Class XIV meet with Governor Ron DeSantis

Past Placements Include:

- Department of Education
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Management Services
- Division of Emergency Management
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Department of Economic Opportunity
- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Department of Transportation

- Department of State
- Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- The Florida Lottery
- Department of Children and Families
- Department of Environmental Protection
- Department of Elder Affairs
- Department of Health
- Agency for Healthcare Administration
- Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Fellows participate in a weekly lecture series in which guest speakers (including the Governor, Cabinet officers, and agency leaders) discuss current issues facing Florida.

Fellows also participate in policy trips to Washington, D.C. and throughout Florida to gain exposure to federal and local government and to learn about some of the major policy issues within our state.



Class XI (above) at the U.S. Supreme Court and Class XII (below) at the West Wing of the White House

Policy Trip Highlights





While Florida Fellows are already active in their home communities, they also spend time during their program year doing hands-on service in the Tallahassee area.



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Who is Eligible to be a Fellow?

What are the eligibility requirements?

Candidates must be enrolled full time as upper-level undergraduate or graduate students at a four-year Florida college or university **or** a recent graduate.

What does the Fellows Program look for in a candidate?

- Outstanding academic achievement
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Applied leadership skills
- Active participation in community or university
- Desire to serve the people of Florida
- Ability to work on a team
- Ability to work independently

Are Fellows compensated?

- Tuition Waivers
- At least \$13 an hour (OPS)
- \$1,000 Relocation Stipend



Awards

Job Bush Award for Outstanding Achievement

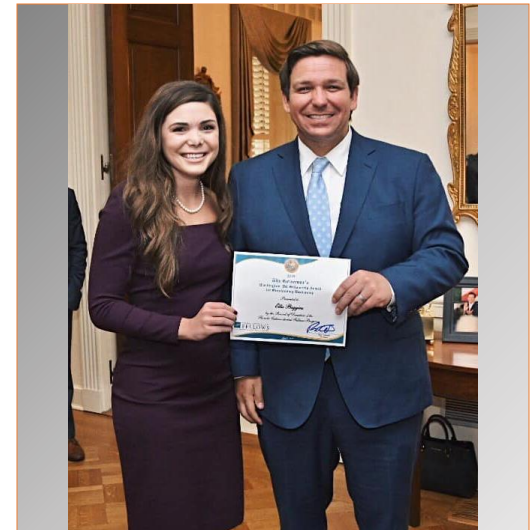
- Top policy proposal as voted upon by the Board of Directors
- \$5,000 award

Washington, DC Fellowship Award for Outstanding Leadership?

- Fellowship Extension for 6 months in the Governor's Washington DC Office
- \$10,000 stipend and \$15/hour OPS full-time position

Hoffman Public Service Incentive Award

- Awarded to Alum who enter Public Service
- \$2,000 award



Jeb Bush Award for Outstanding Achievement

- Class IX:** Alex Andrade and David Mica Jr., *Losing “The Campaign” Why Florida Could Save Money and Increase Charitable Giving by Eliminating the Middleman*
- Class VIII:** Chris Emmanuel and Adam Kramarow, *The Florida Prize: Floridians Inventing the Next Generation*
- Class VII:** James Van Landingham, *Realigning Florida Government to Promote Growth: Toward a New Model of Cluster Development*
- Class VI:** Roger “Beau” Beaubien and Megan Duda, *Spotlight on Disability Employment: A Job Creation Initiative for Persons with Disabilities*
- Class V:** Ryan Todd, *FCAT Waiver Extension Policy* (First Place) and Ian Dankelman, *Expanding Commercial Cattle Feedlots and Meatpacking Facilities in Northwest Florida*(Second Place)
- Class IV:** Bradley Bodiford and Jacob Cremer, *Gold in Green: Fashioning Florida into America’s Biofuels Leader*
- Class III:** E. Tyler Cathey and Jennifer Hartzler, *Financial Literacy in Florida: It Just Makes Cents*

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the selection timeline to apply for Class XVI?

September - Application process opens for 2020-2021 Gubernatorial Fellows Class

January 1, 2020 - Application deadline: All materials must be completed and received by this date. This includes the candidate's official transcript, three letters of recommendation and the online application. Early application is highly recommended.

February 2020 - Regional interviews

March 5-6, 2020 - Final interviews

March 13, 2020 - Fellows are notified of selection

July 2020 – Program Orientation

August 10, 2020 – May 7, 2021 - Program year



How to Apply:

1. Submit your official college transcript.
2. Collect three letters of recommendation.
3. Complete the online application at www.FloridaFellows.com.



Class XIV Fellows meet with former Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush – Secretary Andy Card – at the Florida House in Washington, DC.

Application Deadline: January 1, 2020



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Remember:

1. Fellows are Leaders
2. Fellows are Learners
3. Fellow gain Paid Experience
4. Fellows have Fun



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