

How to Apply to The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program



Online Application Instructions

1. Go to the **Online Student Portal**. It is recommended that you save the URL as a bookmark.
2. Create an account.
3. Start and submit the online application by following the instructions. Throughout the process, you can save your application and return to it at a later time.
4. Make sure to **SUBMIT** your application no later than **11:59 p.m. ET on January 12, 2018**.

Application Checklist

You will be required to submit supplemental documents as PDF files directly through the online application to help you plan. These include:

An unofficial copy of your transcript

(all schools attended for one academic year or more)

The .PDF file should be labeled Lastname, Firstname – Transcript

A copy of your certification of U.S. citizenship

(U.S. passport, birth certificate or naturalization papers accepted)

The .PDF file should be labeled Lastname, Firstname – Citizenship

Your GRE/GMAT score reports

If you are applying for MBA programs, you may submit your GMAT scores. Otherwise (even if your intended graduate programs do not require them), you must submit GRE scores as a part of your Pickering Fellowship Application.

The .PDF file should be labeled Lastname, Firstname – Scores

Your personal statement

Please review [the thirteen dimensions of a Foreign Service Officer](#) and enter a personal statement explaining why you want to pursue a career in the Foreign Service. Highlight your motivations, as well as your background, experiences and skills that will help you succeed. **The personal statement must not exceed 750 words.**

The .PDF file should be labeled Lastname, Firstname – Personal Statement

Your updated resume

Your resume should be no more than two pages long. It should include relevant work, volunteer, internship and/or community activities.

The .PDF file should be labeled Lastname, Firstname – Resume

Your most recent financial aid award letter listing grants or loans

If you were enrolled in school during the most recent academic year and you received financial aid, you are required to submit a Financial Aid Letter.

The .PDF file should be labeled Lastname, Firstname – FA Letter

Your most recent Student Aid Report (SAR)

If you received financial aid during your most recent academic year, you are required to submit your most recent SAR form. If you did not receive financial aid during the most recent academic year, you must complete the [FAFSA](#) to generate a SAR.

The .PDF file should be labeled Lastname, Firstname – SAR

Two letters of recommendation

Select recommenders who can explain why you are uniquely qualified for the fellowship. If you were enrolled in a degree-granting program within the **last two years**, one letter must be from a professor or faculty member who knows you. The other letter may be from someone else familiar with your college, volunteer, work, or community activities.



Pickering application inquiries may be directed to Pickering@twc.edu or call at 202-238-7991

Add your two recommenders in the online application. Under the “Letter of Recommendation” tab, scroll to the bottom and click on the “Add Reference” button.

You will be asked to enter your recommender’s first name, last name and e-mail address.

Once you click the “Submit Request” button, **your recommenders will receive an email from The Washington Center, requesting that they submit an online recommendation on your behalf.** Recommenders will be taken to an online form where they will enter some information before uploading and submitting their recommendation letter.

You will automatically receive a notification email when your recommender completes your recommendation. If you do not receive a notification email in a timely fashion, please follow up with your recommender to ensure that they still intend to complete your recommendation by the application deadline.

Letters of recommendation received after the deadline will not be accepted. Applications that do not contain both letters of recommendation are incomplete and will not be considered. No more than two (2) letters of recommendation will be allowed.

Please note:

It is strongly recommended that all components be submitted well before the application deadline to ensure the documents have been received.

If all components are not received by the appropriate deadline, the application will be incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.