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Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_  
Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## James Madison Fellowships

### Award Details:

#### *Emphasis:*

**Academic**

Research

Language

Experiential

International

#### *Brief Description:*

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation was established by Congress in 1986 for the purpose of improving teaching about the United States Constitution in secondary schools. The Foundation is an independent agency of the Executive Branch of the federal government. Funding for the Foundation's programs comes from Congress and generous contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations. The Foundation has a Board of Trustees and its daily operations are directed by a president and a small staff. The Foundation's office is located in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Foundation offers two types of fellowships:

- Junior Fellowships are awarded to outstanding college seniors and college graduates without teaching experience who intend to become secondary school teachers of American history, American government, or civics classes where you will teach topics on the Constitution in grades 7–12. Junior Fellows are expected to complete graduate study within 2 academic years of full-time study.
- Senior Fellowships are awarded to outstanding current teachers who are required to complete graduate study within 5 calendar years of part-time study.

The maximum amount of each award is \$24,000, prorated over the period of study, and in no case shall the award exceed \$12,000 for one academic year of study. Normally, Fellows receive less than these maximum amounts. Payments are made only for the actual costs of tuition, required fees, and books (as well as room and board if required to live away from your principal residence), and are made only for the minimum number of credits required for the award of the degree for which a Fellow is registered.

Can The Award Be Deferred?                      Yes

Can The Award Be Renewed?                      No

### Scholarship Conditions:

*Fellowship applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence. To be eligible to apply for a fellowship, you must:*

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be a teacher, or plan to become a teacher, of American history, American government, or civics classes where you will teach topics on the Constitution at the secondary school level (grades 7–12).
- Possess a bachelor's degree or plan to receive a bachelor's degree no later than August 31 of the year in which you are applying.

### Professional Teaching Obligation

After receiving the master's degree, each Fellow must teach American history, American government, or civics classes where you will teach topics on the Constitution in grades 7–12 for one full year for each academic year of funding received under a fellowship, preferably in the state from which the recipient won the fellowship.

## Financial Aspects of the Award

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Failure to complete the study for which the fellowship is awarded, to attend the Summer Institute on the Constitution, or to teach a qualifying subject in grades 7–12 for the requisite amount of time entailed by the award will result in forfeiture of the fellowship and require the return of all funds paid under the fellowship, plus applicable interest under federal law.

## Choice of Graduate School and Degree

The fellowships are intended exclusively for graduate study leading to a master's degree. James Madison Fellows may attend any accredited institution of higher education in the United States. Each Fellow will be expected to pursue and complete a master's degree in one of the following (listed in order of the Foundation's preference):

- Master of Arts (MA) in American history, political science, or government
- Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) concentrating on either American Constitutional history (in a history department) or American government, political institutions, and political theory (in a political science department). MAT degrees without required constitutional coursework cannot be approved.
- Master of Education (MED) or the Master of Arts or Master of Science in Education with a concentration in American history or American government, political institutions, and political theory

## Constitutional Coursework

The Fellow's proposed plan of graduate study should contain substantial constitutional coursework. Fellows are encouraged to choose institutions that offer courses that closely examine the origins and development of the U.S. Constitution, the evolution of political theory and constitutional law, the effects of the Constitution on society and culture in the United States, or other such topics directly related to the Constitution.

Whatever institution and whichever degree a Fellow selects, at least 12 semester credits (or 18 quarter credits) of constitutional study must be part of the Fellow's program. Six of these semester credits are earned by the Fellow at the Foundation's Summer Institute on the Constitution in Washington, D.C.

## Foundation's Summer Institute on the Constitution

A major component of the James Madison Fellowship Program is successful completion of the four-week Summer Institute on the Constitution, "The Foundations of American Constitutionalism," held in Washington, D.C. Fellows attend the Institute after they have matriculated in a graduate program and commenced coursework.

The academic focus of the Institute is a graduate course entitled "The Foundations of American Constitutionalism." Taught by constitutional scholars, this course is a study of the principles, framing, ratification, and implementation of constitutional government in the United States.

A feature of the Institute is the occasional trips to sites associated with the Constitution, in and around Washington.

One of the informal benefits of attending the Institute is the opportunity for interaction with a wide range of individuals whose varied interests can lead to enduring friendships and professional associations.

Expenses for the Summer Institute are included in the fellowship.

## Eligibility:

Applicant Education Level:	Senior undergraduates and beyond
Specified Majors:	Yes, Master's degrees must focus on the study of the Constitution
Open to (Non-US) International Students:	No
Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:	No

## Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

Applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence. Applicants are evaluated on their demonstrated commitment to a career teaching American history, American government, or civics classes where you will teach topics on the Constitution at the secondary school level; demonstrated intent to pursue and complete a program of graduate study that emphasizes the Constitution and offers instruction in that subject; demonstrated devotion to civic responsibility; demonstrated capacity for study and performance as classroom teachers, and their proposed courses of graduate study. Applicants will be evaluated without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, political affiliation, marital status, sexual orientation or other non-merit factors.

## Selection:

Number of Candidates Awarded Each Year:	51
Interview:	Not Required
Approximate Date Selected Candidates Are Notified:	May 1

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## Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates:	No
Webinars for Advisors:	No

## Website:

Official Website:	<a href="http://www.jamesmadison.gov/">http://www.jamesmadison.gov/</a>
Application:	<a href="https://www.scholarsapply.org/jamesmadison/">https://www.scholarsapply.org/jamesmadison/</a>

## Application:

Date Application is Available:	June 1
Application Due Date:	March 1 at 5:00PM CST
Application Must Be Submitted By:	Candidate
Institutional Endorsement Required:	No
Institutional Cover Letter Required:	No

**Application Steps:**

<i>The application includes the following</i>		Deadline	Date Completed
Register Online		3/1/2018	_____
Complete Online Application		3/1/2018	_____
Upload Transcripts <sup>1</sup>		3/1/2018	_____
Letters of Recommendation		3/6/2018 5PM CST	_____
Name	Position	Date Notified	Date Completed
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1. Transcripts can be uploaded in the application as a PDF file. If you choose to mail them instead, they must be received by March 1, 2018, at the following address:

James Madison Fellowship Program  
One Scholarship Way  
Saint Peter, MN 56082