

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Academic Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships For New Americans

### Award Details:

*Emphasis:*

**Academic**

Research

Language

Experiential

International

*Brief Description:*

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans program honors the contributions of immigrants and children of immigration to the United States. Each year, the program invests in the graduate education of 30 New Americans – immigrants and children of immigrants – who are poised to make significant contributions to U.S. society, culture, or their academic field.

Each Fellow receives up to \$90,000 in financial support over one to two years, and gain a strong alumni network of inspiring immigrants and children of immigrants working in a range of professional fields.

Can The Award Be Deferred?                      No

Can The Award Be Renewed?                      No

### Scholarship Conditions:

*To be eligible for the 2018 Fellowship, you must meet the following requirements as of the November 1, 2017 application deadline:*

#### New American Status

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans is a fellowship program intended for United States immigrants and children of immigrants. To be eligible, an applicant's birth parents must have both been born outside of the US as non-US citizens, and both parents must not have been eligible for US citizenship at the time of their births. In addition, one of the following must be true of the applicant as of the November 1, 2017 application deadline:

- Born in the US: You are a US citizen by birth and both of your parents were born abroad as non-US citizens.
- Naturalized Citizen: You have been naturalized as a US citizen either on your own or as a minor child under the application of one of your parents.
- Green Card: You are in possession of a valid green card.
- Adopted: You were born outside of the US or one of its territories and were subsequently adopted by American parents, and were awarded US citizenship as a result of your adoption.
- DACA: You have been granted deferred action under the government's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and your status is currently active.

#### Academic Standing

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans is a fellowship program intended for immigrants and children of immigrants who are pursuing full time graduate degrees at United States institutions. Eligible applicants will have a bachelor's degree as of the fall of 2018, and may be applying to graduate school as they are applying to the fellowship, or they may already be enrolled in the graduate program that they are seeking funding for as of the application deadline. The fellowship program is open to all fields of study and fully accredited fulltime graduate degree programs. In order to be eligible for the 2018 fellowship, an applicant should be planning to be enrolled full time in an eligible graduate degree program at a US university for the full 2018-19 academic year. Eligible applicants must not have begun the third year of the program that they are seeking funding for as of the November 1, 2017 deadline. Applicants who have a previous graduate degree or who are in a joint-degree program are eligible.

Ineligible programs: Online programs, executive graduate programs, joint bachelors/master's programs, certificate programs, post-baccalaureate programs, graduate programs that are not in the United States, and graduate programs that are not fully accredited.

### Age

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans is a fellowship program intended for students who are early in their careers. All students must be 30 or younger as of the application deadline. In order to be eligible for the 2018 fellowship an applicant must not have reached or passed their 31st birthday as of the application deadline. There is no minimum age requirement.

### Eligibility:

Applicant Education Level:	Senior undergraduate and graduate
Open to (Non-US) International Students:	Some – if an applicant was born abroad, then they must be a naturalized United States citizen, a Green card holder, or a DACA recipient as of the application deadline
Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:	No
Specified Majors:	No
Minimum GPA:	None
Age Limit:	30 or younger

### Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans program uses three primary criteria for selection of Fellows:

- The candidate has demonstrated creativity, originality and initiative in one or more aspects of the candidate's life.
- The candidate has demonstrated a commitment to and capacity for accomplishment that has required drive and sustained effort.
- The candidate has demonstrated a commitment to the values expressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This would include, but not be limited to, support of human rights and the rule of law, opposition to unwarranted encroachment on personal liberty, and advancing the responsibilities of citizenship in a free society.

In addition, the program considers two further criteria:

- The candidate gives promise of continued significant contributions. Those contributions are likely to reflect distinctive creativity, originality and initiative and will mark the candidate as a leading and influential figure within her/his fields of endeavor.
- The candidate's graduate training is relevant to her/his long-term career goals and is of potential value in enhancing her/his future creativity and accomplishment.

The program seeks to create "a level playing field" for the consideration of applicants from different backgrounds, in different fields, at different stages in their educational development, and of different ages. Because New Americans and their families have had very different immigration experiences, we take those differences into account in assessing applicants' success in meeting the selection criteria.

### Selection:

Number of Candidates Awarded Each Year:	30
Interview:	In-Person (Travel Costs Paid)
Approximate Date Selected Candidates Are Notified:	March

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## Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates: Yes, Spring, Summer, and Fall  
Webinars for Advisors: Yes

## Website:

Official Website: <https://www.pdsoros.org/>

## Application:

Date Application is Available: April 19, 2017  
Application Due Date: November 1, 2017 at 11:59 PM EST  
Application Must Be Submitted By: Candidate  
Institutional Endorsement Required: No  
Institutional Cover Letter Required: No

**Online Application:**

<i>The application includes the sections</i>		Deadline	Date Completed
Confirmation of Your Eligibility		11/1/2017	_____
Personal and Contact Information		11/1/2017	_____
Higher Education History		11/1/2017	_____
Graduate Program(s) For Which You Seek Support		11/1/2017	_____
Three to Five Letters of Recommendation		11/1/2017	_____
Name	Position	Date Notified	Date Completed
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_____	_____	_____	_____
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Resume		11/1/2017	_____
Essay One <sup>1</sup>		11/1/2017	_____
Essay Two <sup>1</sup>		11/1/2017	_____
College/Graduate Transcripts		11/1/2017	_____
Standardized Test Scores (if required by graduate program)		11/1/2017	_____

1. Tell us about your experiences as a New American. Whether as an immigrant yourself, or as a child of immigrants, how have your experiences as a New American informed and shaped who you are and your accomplishments? Feel free to discuss how individual people (such as family or teachers), institutions, aspects of law, culture, society or American governance made an impact on your life as an immigrant or child of immigrants. The program is especially interested in understanding and contextualizing your accomplishments, be they personal, professional, or academic. (maximum length 1000 words)

2. Tell us about your current and near-term career-related activities and goals, as well as why you decided to pursue the specific graduate program(s) and school(s) that you have. How do you see your current work and study informing your early career goals? If you have not been accepted into a program yet, please tell us about why you selected the programs to which you are applying. (maximum length 1000 words)