

Application Guide: PAUL AND DAISY SOROS FELLOWSHIP FOR NEW AMERICANS 2024-25 CYCLE

Overview

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans program honors the contributions of immigrants and children of immigrants to the United States. Each year, we invest in the graduate education of 30 New Americans—immigrants and children of immigrants—who are poised to make significant contributions to US society, culture or their academic field. Each Fellow receives up to \$90,000 in financial support, comprised of \$40,000 in tuition support and \$50,000 in stipend support over two academic years. Fellows join a lifelong community of New American Fellows.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Soros Fellowship, you must meet the biographical requirements of the award. You can read the details of all three [basic eligibility criteria listed here on their website](#).

- **NEW AMERICAN STATUS** - The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans program is intended for immigrants and children of immigrants in the United States. [Fine print on who that includes is listed here on their website](#).
- **ACADEMIC STANDING** - The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans program is intended for immigrants and children of immigrants who are pursuing full-time graduate degrees at United States institutions. To be eligible, you will have a bachelor's degree by the fall of 2025. You may be applying to graduate school at the same time that you are applying to the Fellowship, or you may already be enrolled in the graduate program that you are seeking funding for as of the application deadline. [Full details here are available here. \(Links to an external site.\)](#).
- **AGE** - The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans program is intended for students who are early in their careers. All students must be 30 or younger as of the application deadline.

Award Criteria

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 her/his 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.

Application components

- Confirmation of your eligibility
- Your personal and contact information
- Your higher-education history
- The graduate program[s] for which you seek support
- Recommendations (3 required, up to 5 accepted)
- Transcripts
- Standardized test scores (if required for entry to your intended graduate program)
- Optional exhibits
- Resume
- Two application essays

- **Essay One** - maximum length 1000 words

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 interested in understanding the context of your personal, professional, and academic accomplishments.

- **Essay Two** – maximum length 1000 words

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.

Recommended Application Timeline: PD Soros Fellowship for New Americans

There is no Emory internal application or endorsement process for this award. However, NS&FP advisors are available to consult with you on your application.

1. Work with an academic advisor, mentor and/or NS&FP advisor to discuss your goals and begin researching graduate program	Spring – Summer 2024
2. Attend PD Soros recorded or live webinars to learn more and hear from award administrators and Fellows	Summer 2024
3. Review NSFP Canvas page on PD Soros advice	Summer 2024
4. Continue researching potential graduate programs, noting relevant application requirements and deadlines	June – Sept. 2024
5. Create account and begin application on PD Soros website	Summer 2024
6. Begin brainstorming for the 2 application essays	July - August 2024
7. Reach out to potential recommenders	July - August 2024
8. Revise essays, seeking feedback of mentors and/or NS&FP advisors	August – September 2024
9. Revise and update resume	August – September 2024
10. Request transcripts	August – September 2024
11. Follow up with recommenders	Late Sept. - early Oct. 2024
12. Make an NS&FP appointment for final essay feedback	Early October 2024
13. Submit application by national deadline	<i>Oct 24, 2024, 2:00PM (ET) (tentative)</i>
14. Submit grad school applications for Fall 2025 admission, following individual degree program deadlines	Fall 2024 – Winter 2025

Next steps: Fellowship finalists are typically notified in December. Selected Fellows are notified in April.

Contact the **National Scholarships
& Fellowships Program Office:**

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<http://nationalawards.college.emory.edu/>
