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Education, Fellowships.

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For the reasons set forth in the preamble and under authority of 20 U.S.C. 4501 *et seq.*, Chapter XXIV, Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations is proposed to be amended by revising part 2400 as follows:

PART 2400—FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. The authority citation for part 2400 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 4501 *et seq.*, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 2400.3 is amended by revising paragraphs (a)(8) and (b)(8) to read as follows:

§ 2400.3 Eligibility.

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(a) * * *

(8) Sign agreements that, after completing the education for which the fellowship is awarded, they will teach American history, American government, social studies, or political science full time in secondary schools for a period of not less than one year for each full year of study for which assistance was received, preferably in the State listed as their legal residence at the time of their fellowship award. For the purposes of this provision, a full academic year of study is considered by the Foundation to be 18 credit hours or 27 quarter hours. Fellows' teaching obligations will be figured at full academic years of study; and when Fellows have studies for partial academic years, those years will be rounded upward to the nearest one-half year to determine Fellows' total teaching obligations.

(b) * * *

(8) Sign an agreement that, after completing the education for which the fellowship is awarded, they will teach American history, American government, social studies, or political science full time in secondary schools for a period of not less than one year for each full academic year of study for which assistance was received, preferably in the State listed as their legal residence at the time of their fellowship award. Fellows' teaching obligations will be figured at full academic years of study; and when

Fellows have studies for partial academic years, those years will be rounded upward to the nearest one-half year to determine Fellows' total teaching obligations.

3. Section 2400.4 is amended by revising the definitions of "*Full-time study*," "*State*," and "*Stipend*," to read as follows:

§ 2400.4 Definitions.

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Full-time study means study for an enrolled student who is carrying at least 9 credit hours a semester or its equivalent.

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State means each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, considered as a single entity, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Stipend means the amount paid by the Foundation to a Fellow or on his or her behalf for the allowable costs of graduate study which have been approved under the fellowship.

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4. Section 2400.20 is revised to read as follows:

§ 2400.20 Preparation of application.

Applications, on forms mailed directly by the Foundation to those who request applications or downloaded from the Foundation's website, must be completed by all fellowship candidates in order that they be considered for an award.

5. Section 2400.30 is amended by adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

§ 2400.30 Selection criteria.

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(g) Content of the 600-word essay.

§ 2400.31 [Amended]

6. In § 2400.31, paragraph (b) is amended by removing the word "legally" and adding, in its place, the word "legal"; and paragraph (c) is amended by removing the words "An alternate will receive" and adding, in their place, "An alternate may, at the Foundation's discretion, receive".

§ 2400.42 [Amended]

7. In § 2400.42, paragraph (b) is amended by removing the word "constitution" and adding, in its place, the word "Constitution".

§ 2400.43 [Amended]

8. In § 2400.43, paragraph (c) is amended by removing the words "strongly encourages" and adding, in

their place, the words "in general, requires".

9. Section 2400.44 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 2400.44 Commencement of graduate study.

(a) Fellows may commence study under their fellowships as early as the summer following the announcement of their award. Fellows are normally expected to commence study under their fellowships in the fall term of the academic year following the date on which their award is announced. However, as indicated in § 2400.61, they may seek to postpone the commencement of fellowship study for up to one year under extenuating circumstances.

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§ 2400.46 [Amended]

10. Section 2400.46 is amended by removing the word "five" and adding, in its place, the word "three".

11. Section 2400.47 is revised to read as follows:

§ 2400.47 Summer Institute's relationship to fellowship.

Each year, the Foundation normally offers during July a four-week graduate-level Institute on the principles, framing, ratification, and implementation of the United States Constitution at an accredited university in the Washington, DC area. The Institute is an integral part of each fellowship.

12. Section 2400.48 is revised to read as follows:

§ 2400.48 Fellows' participation in the Summer Institute.

Each fellow is required as part of his or her fellowship to attend the Institute (if it is offered), normally during the summer following the Fellow's commencement of graduate study under a fellowship.

§ 2400.50 [Amended]

13. Section 2400.50 is amended by removing "For their participation in the Institute, Fellows are paid" and adding, in its place, "At the Foundation's discretion, Fellows may be paid".

§ 2400.53 [Amended]

14. Section 2400.53 is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read "A waiver of the time limit may be given for full-time students who require more than 36 credit hours or 54 quarter hours to complete their approved degree."

15. Section 2400.55 is amended by revising paragraphs (f) and (i) to read as follows: