



McCain Strategic Defense Fellows Program

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Application Form

Applicant Name (Last Name, First Name):

Official Home of Record Address:

Preferred Phone Number(s):

Email Address:

Educational Background:

- List accredited U.S. institutions of higher education at which you attended (one must be for a graduate degree or higher):

- College/University:
Major and/or Minor of Study:
Graduation Date (or anticipated graduation date):
GPA:
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Do you have a current or expired security clearance? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the type of clearance and level:

Type	Full	Pending	Expired
Confidential / Public Trust			
Secret			
Top Secret			
Top Secret/ Special Compartmented Information			

List All Language Skills and Level of Fluency:

Language	Verbal (Yes/No)	Written (Yes/No)	Level (Beginner, Intermediate, Expert)

Veteran's Preference does not apply to the McCain Fellows Program. However, veterans may still claim their U.S. military experience or veteran's status for their record.

Do you have previous or current U.S. military experience? **Yes** **No**

Are you a reservist? **Yes** **No**

So we can better locate applicants in the future, please tell us how you heard about this program. Please choose the best available option.

<input type="checkbox"/> Handshake/Symplicity <input type="checkbox"/> Professor/Faculty <input type="checkbox"/> Colleague/Other Students <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiter <input type="checkbox"/> School/University Job board <input type="checkbox"/> If Other, Please Specify: <input style="width: 400px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment event (e.g. Job fair, Info Session, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Job Fairs <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Defense or Washington Headquarters Services Website <input type="checkbox"/> Affinity group / Professional Organizations
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Applicants must be either U.S. citizens or lawful U.S. Permanent Residents to apply. Please provide citizenship status, below:

A citizen of the U.S.

A lawful permanent resident of the U.S. (i.e. Green Card holder, Naturalized U.S. citizen)

Are you authorized to work lawfully in the U.S.? **Yes** **No**

Note: If selected, applicants must provide valid U.S. identification to establish evidence of identity, employment eligibility and pass necessary background security investigations prior to onboarding and start of employment:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful U.S. Permanent Residence
- I-9 Form and Employment Eligibility Verification

Signature:	Date:
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Open application period for the McCain Fellows Program, Cohort 2 **starts on January 4, 2021 and ends on February 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM EST.**
- Provide required supporting documents with this application. Write compelling narratives for sections 7-10. Use space provided for each section.
- Combine all required supporting documents, signed application form and Mobility/Relocation and Participation Agreement form into one final package and convert into one PDF file. Follow file naming convention:
LastName_FirstName_McCain_Cohort2
- Submit your complete application package to whs.mccainfellows@mail.mil prior to the application deadline (Tuesday, February 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM EST).
- Incomplete application package and/or late submissions **CANNOT** be accepted.
- Contact whs.mccainfellows@mail.mil if you have any questions.

Sections 1-7: Required Supporting Documents

1. Professional history information. Provide a resume not to exceed six pages.
2. Two letters of recommendation from previous employers, professors, coaches, internship supervisors, volunteer activity leads or work colleagues addressing academic ability, work ethic and any extra-curricular activities.
3. An endorsement letter or recommendation letter from the applicant's graduate institution (i.e. academic advisor, career counselor, guidance counselor, university dean or professor) addressing the applicant's academic history and overall character (i.e. no record of honor investigations, plagiarism accusations, suspension, misconduct, etc.).
4. Official transcripts of educational achievement at the undergraduate and graduate level. To be eligible, applicants must be recent graduates at the time of application and must apply within two years of advanced degree(s) completion. Applicants expecting to graduate within 6 months at the time of application are also eligible to apply.
5. Provide an academic writing sample (i.e. published articles, dissertation, thesis, etc.).
6. Review, acknowledge and sign the McCain Fellows Program Mobility/Relocation and Participation Agreement form.
7. Assessment. Complete all requisites that apply.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

SECTIONS 7-10: NARRATIVES

7. Career goals. Describe your career goals and areas of interest and how the McCain Fellows Program will help you achieve those goals.

Career Goals:

8. Accomplishments. Describe and provide examples/evidence of any learning, professional, leadership and work accomplishments.

Learning, Professional, Leadership and Work Accomplishments:

9. Benefits for Department of Defense. Describe how your selection benefits the DOD and your motivation for service in the Department.

Benefits for DOD:

10. Essay. Describe what you want to accomplish and achieve during the fellowship.