



John S. McCain Strategic Defense Fellowship Program



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Education:

- Tufts University, Fletcher School, Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy (2026)
- Tufts University, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (2024)

Alexnader Fleischer was born and raised as an 8th generation Texan in Forth Worth, Texas. He attended Tufts University to play baseball where he served as a two-time captain and then went on to graduate school immediately after completing his undergraduate studies. Both his time on the baseball team and his time as a graduate student at a school that partners with the United States Armed Services fostered a desire to serve others and to dedicate his career to something much larger than himself. Service to his country is what pushed him towards the McCain Fellowship Program where he hopes to contribute to our nation's national security and defense of the values that built this country.

In the summer after his first year of graduate school, Alexander worked as a national security intern at the America First Policy Institute in Washington, DC where he helped initiate the Strong America campaign which focused on defense initiatives that included a renewed focus on the Western Hemisphere, countering Chinese aggression in the Indo-Pacific, defense procurement reform, rebuilding the U.S. Navy, and reexamining combatant command commitments around the world.

At Fletcher School, Alexander focused much of his coursework on American national security studies and foreign policy topics. He wrote his thesis on Iran's Axis of Resistance while simultaneously writing white papers focused on the Houthi threat in and around the Red Sea. He also focused on American strategy, grand strategy, and historical case studies of the American defense apparatus and major foreign policy developments.

Alexander loves to spend time outdoors, especially in the mountains. He has climbed 19 of Colorado's 14ers and hopefully one day will summit all 53!

