

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

CHAMBERS OF  
CHRISTOPHER J. BURKE  
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

UNIT 28  
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**HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER  
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The United States District Court for the District of Delaware is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for its High School Summer Fellowship Program for Summer 2025.

Students accepted into this program will work for four weeks, beginning on July 7, 2025 and ending on August 1, 2025. They will work in chambers with Judges of the District Court and/or with other federal employees who work with the Court. The fellows will also have the opportunity to observe District Court proceedings and meet leaders in the Delaware legal system. The fellows will be paid \$400 per week, or \$1,600 for the four-week program.

Students who will be juniors or seniors in a New Castle County, Delaware high school in the 2025-2026 school year (i.e., students who are currently sophomores or juniors), and who are either U.S. Citizens or Green Card holders, are eligible to apply to the program. Those interested in applying to the program should submit (by mail or e-mail) (1) the completed application; (2) their school transcript; and (3) at least one letter of recommendation (though the student may submit more than one) from either a teacher or other counselor at their school to the individual and address below:

Samantha Grimes  
J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building  
844 N. King Street  
Unit 28, Room 2325  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
(302) 573-4591  
HSFP@ded.uscourts.gov

Applications are due no later than **April 15, 2025**. We encourage applicants to submit their complete applications in advance of that date to ensure that all documents have been received and uploaded successfully. Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview process before final selection decisions are made.

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2025 APPLICATION**

Name			
Address		Home telephone number	
City/State/Zip		Cellular telephone number	
Date of birth		Age	
E-mail address			

Name of parent or guardian	
Parent/guardian's address	
Parent/guardian's telephone	

School			
Grade in 2025-2026 year		Junior	Senior

Have you previously applied for this fellowship? If so, what year did you apply?

**Please answer** the following questions. You may prepare a separate document with your answers, or add additional pages if necessary. In either case, please include your name and the number of the question being answered at the top of each page.

**Submit** (by mail or e-mail) the completed application, along with your school transcript and at least one letter of recommendation from either a teacher or other counselor at your school to: Samantha Grimes, J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building, 844 N. King Street, Unit 28, Room 2325, Wilmington, DE 19801; (302) 573-4591; HSFP@ded.uscourts.gov. Applications are due no later than **April 15, 2025**. We encourage you to submit the completed application, high school transcript and letter(s) of recommendation well in advance of that date to ensure that all documents have been received and successfully downloaded by the Court.

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW:** This program is a four-week commitment, from July 7, 2025 to August 1, 2025. If you have a prior summer commitment (summer school, vacations, volunteer programs, or other employment) during this time then you should not apply for this program. This program is intended for students who are available to participate in the full schedule. If you know now that you will miss one or two days of the program, please explain and list the dates on a separate sheet of paper, and attach that document to this application.

**I have read and understand the information on this application.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**1. Why do you want to participate in the Summer Fellowship Program? What makes you a good candidate? Describe your best qualities.**

**2. What extracurricular activity has been the most meaningful to you, and why?**

**3. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?**

**4. To what extent will the stipend associated with the fellowship assist you and your family in meeting your academic or personal goals?**

**5. ESSAY QUESTION (500 words or less):**

**Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you?**

**ESSAY (page two)**