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TO: Friends of The James A. Finnegan Foundation

FROM: Kathy Speaker MacNett, Treasurer

DATE: October 25, 2018

SUBJECT: 2019 SUMMER INTERN PROGRAMS

Enclosed please find the Announcement for the 2019 James A. Finnegan Foundation Contest.

Annually, the Foundation provides students a summer internship, in state government or allied fields, for a period of eight (8) to ten (10) weeks. In addition, the students will receive financial awards from \$1,000 to \$1,500 each. Please see the attached flyer for more information about our Foundation.

Each year there is a growing number of educational institutions having students participate. We average about thirty (30) applications annually. The number of students selected varies from four (4) to eight (8), depending on the Foundations resources and available slots for placement.

To help students expedite getting the necessary information, the Application and Instructions can be found on our webpage on or about the end of November at:

WWW.FINNEGANFOUNDATION.ORG

I hope you will post the enclosed flyer and that you and your colleagues will see the value in this internship program for your students. If your institution has not participated in the past, I hope you will this year. If you have participated in the past we will be looking for your students again.

THANKS!

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JAMES A. FINNEGAN FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

A Foundation established to provide practical training in Pennsylvania government and politics for outstanding accredited college and university students honoring the memory of James A. Finnegan, Secretary of the Commonwealth 1955-1958.

Incorporated: Jan. 23, 1961

Founders: Gov. David L. Lawrence
Mayor Joseph M. Barr

Judge Genevieve Blatt
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THE JAMES A. FINNEGAN FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION SUMMER INTERNSHIP CONTEST *“Experiencing State Government”*

- About our Program: A Foundation established to provide practical training in Pennsylvania government and politics for outstanding accredited college and university students honoring the memory of James A. Finnegan, Secretary of the Commonwealth 1955-1958.
- Awards:
- \$1,500 for the James A. Finnegan Award;
 - additional individual \$1,000 awards; and
 - honorable mentions as recommended.
 - Winners are placed in a named summer internship in state government. These internships are named for the late James A. Finnegan and other men and women who have made important contributions to the “art of government” in Pennsylvania.
 - Finnegan Interns also earn weekly salaries paid by state agencies during their state government employment.
- Summer Experience: Students are assigned positions in state government executive offices under the governor’s jurisdiction and attend seminars with leading elected official or appointed public officials and media figures. In order to receive the monetary awards, applicants **MUST** be available to secure an internship during the summer for a minimum of 8 weeks and a maximum of 10 weeks, generally beginning in late May and ending in mid-to-late August.
- Eligibility: Undergraduates, who at the time of essay submissions, are attending accredited Pennsylvania colleges/universities and Pennsylvania residents attending accredited colleges/universities elsewhere, who have completed at least 1 semester, are eligible to apply.
- Selection: A panel of distinguished judges, under the supervision of the Board of the Finnegan Foundation, choose a number of winners. The judges consider a student’s background, civic endeavors and career interests, and the designated written essay on the political science theme. Winners are announced in late March at a luncheon in the Governor’s Residence.
- Application Deadline: Application, together with attachments, must be received electronically by February 1, 2019. Please submit your Application and attachments to Kathy Speaker MacNett, Treasurer, ksm@skarlatoszonarich.com.

Check our Web Page for more Information, the Application and submittal instructions.

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2019 SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

Please provide the following Required Documents:

1. A **grade transcript**, certified by the registrar or other appropriate administrative official in your college or university. It should have background information explaining grade symbols and, if possible, indicating relative class standing of the applicant.
2. A statement describing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities or civic activities. It may be in narrative or outline form. Please, no more than 500 words in length.
3. A statement describing the applicant's reason for applying for the internship program. Again, no more than 500 words in length.
4. Letters for Recommendation. The number of letters of recommendation is not as important as their content and the opportunity which the faculty member, administrative official or community leader has had to evaluate the applicant's ability, performance, and leadership potential.
5. Completed Application Form (see page 2)
6. Essay Answer (see question on last page).
 - a. Should be at least 1,500 words in length but generally no more than 2,500
 - b. Should be 12 point Times New Roman, double spaced
 - c. Should be numbered consecutively
 - d. Should include a cover sheet with the name of the applicant and the name of his/her educational institution
 - e. Should NOT include the name of applicant or educational institution anywhere on the essay
 - f. Should be designed to serve as an answer to the question
 - g. Must have a bibliography
 - h. Must be electronically transmitted no later than 11:59 PM on February 1, 2019 or POSTMARKED no later than February 1, 2019, along with other required documents. Email or mail application to Kathy Speaker MacNett, Treasurer, 17 South Second Street, 6th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101 or ksm@skarlatoszonarich.com
7. Judges will assess applicants on their ability to follow standard directions.



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**THE JAMES A. FINNEGAN FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION
SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**

Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant:

Present: _____

Permanent: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone Numbers: Present: (____) _____ Permanent: (____) _____

College or University Attending:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Major Study: _____ Minor Study: _____

Applicant certifies that he/she is:

1. A resident of Pennsylvania attending an accredited college or university at the time the essay is submitted, here or elsewhere;
OR
A non-resident student attending an accredited Pennsylvania college or university at the time the essay is submitted.
2. An undergraduate student working toward a baccalaureate degree to be obtained (year) _____.
3. Not a previous winner of a James A. Finnegan Fellowship internship.
4. Available to serve an internship in Harrisburg, PA for a minimum of 8 weeks and a maximum of 10 weeks beginning on or about the last week of May and concluding on or about the last week in August.
5. Is eligible to work in the United States.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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THE JAMES A. FINNEGAN FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION
2019 ESSAY QUESTION

Gun Violence In Schools

Gun violence in schools has been one of the most critical issues facing Pennsylvania and the rest of the country in recent years.

Some states have reacted to the multiple shooting events in schools by allowing teachers and school officials in public and/or private schools to be armed. Legislation to allow school personnel to carry firearms has been introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly but has not passed.

Supporters say that arming teachers and other personnel in schools would enhance school safety. But some education associations and others say the opposite would happen and that there are better ways of making schools more safe such as increasing the number of uniformed officers in the schools and further restricting access to school buildings.

Do you think that teachers and other school officials should be allowed to carry firearms? Why or why not? What other actions would you recommend administrator take to enhance school safety?

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