

## The James Madison Memorial Fellowship

The James Madison Memorial Foundation “offers \$24,000 James Madison Graduate Fellowships to individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary school level. Fellowship applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence. Generally, one Fellowship per state is awarded each year.” A teaching obligation follows the master’s degree: “each Fellow must teach American history, American government, or social studies in grades 7–12 for one full year for each academic year of funding received under a fellowship, preferably in the state from which the recipient won the fellowship.” This is a wonderful opportunity for students who have majored in history or political science and who feel a calling to teach Federalist-era studies in either middle school or high school. In an era in which it is sometimes difficult to find placement in middle-school or high-school employment, the Madison Fellowship is a stellar credential and asset.

One may compete for the Madison in two venues:

Junior-Level applicants (college seniors) should possess sufficient hours in the fields of history or political science to satisfy master’s-level admission to a graduate program, including those at UNT (two of UNT’s Madison Fellows earned their master’s degrees at UNT).

Senior-Level applicants are current high-school teacher who wish to earn their master’s degree in history or political science before returning to their teaching positions, or who would remain in their current jobs while taking evening classes. The Madison Foundation allows current teachers to take up to five years of part-time study to earn the master’s degree.

Dr. James Duban ([jduban@unt.edu](mailto:jduban@unt.edu)) will work with all UNT seniors and alumni to help them advance in this competition.

The submission deadline is March 1, before 5:00 p.m., central time.

## Department of Homeland Security (Undergraduate) Scholarship Program

<http://www.dhs.gov/dhs-scholarship-program>

This generous scholarship pays most of a student's expenses for up to three years. It then requires a "one-year, post-completion service commitment" of government service.

Full-time students whose focus includes curricula related to, or potentially applicable to, homeland security may apply if they are U.S. citizens, in their second or third year of college (or have 40-60 hours of accumulated credit). They must also be available for ten weeks of DHS-sponsored summer research. Students who have specific eligibility questions may pose those at [studentprograms@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:studentprograms@hq.dhs.gov) (using "DHS Program" in the subject line).

Students can gauge eligibility, relative to fields of study, on the basis of the stated mission of DHS, which includes: "preventing terrorism and enhancing security; managing our borders; administering immigration laws; securing cyberspace; and ensuring disaster resilience." The DHS also administers immigration laws, facilitates legal immigration, and supports legal employment by offering information on the E-Verify program. DHS likewise coordinates first-responder efforts, whether to terrorist attacks or natural disasters. Cyberspace security is also a paramount concern of DHS, suggesting that many students in UNT's College of Engineering should look into this opportunity.

Dr. James Duban ([jduban@unt.edu](mailto:jduban@unt.edu)) will work with faculty mentors to offer editorial feedback on student essays.

## **Pat Tillman Foundation Scholarships for Military Veterans or their Spouses**

<http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/apply/>

### **Submission deadline: Usually mid-February**

A memorial to fallen Army Ranger (75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment in Afghanistan) and NFL star Pat Tillman, this scholarship assists military veterans and their spouses. The scholarship celebrates the willingness of military personnel to "help others and serve a cause greater than . . . self-interest." The goal is, through renewable need-based funding, "to invest in military veterans and their spouses through educational scholarships, building a diverse community of leaders committed to service to others."

Because of the array of documentation and financial-status disclosure (FAFSA, etc.), applicants should study the FAQs:

<http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/apply/frequently-asked-questions/#DI>.

The application requires students to compose two essays. Last year's questions (and most likely this year's) ask the following:

### **Service members:**

1. Discuss your motivation and decision to serve in the U.S. military. Explain how this decision and experience changed your life and your ambitions. What is the most important lesson you learned during your training and/or service?
2. Share your educational and career goals. How will you incorporate your military service experience into these goals? How do you intend to continue service to others and the community? How will you make an impact through your career and continued service?

### **Spouses:**

1. Share your previous service to others and the community. Explain how your spouse's service in the U.S. military has influenced your actions or inspired you. What have you learned through your own service and sacrifice?
2. Share your educational and career goals. How will you incorporate your service experiences and the impact of your spouse's military service into your educational and career goals? How do you intend to continue service to others and the community? How will you make an impact through your career and continued service?

UNT applicants should contact Dr. James Duban, Director, Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships (jduban@unt.edu), to express their intention to apply for this scholarship and to arrange for editorial feedback. They should begin the writing process as early as mid-November.