

SUNY STUDENTS ON THE HILL



The State University of New York Office of Federal Relations is proud to partner with the SUNY Student Assembly to coordinate a trip to Washington, DC on March 28-29, 2017. The purpose of the trip will be to advocate for increased federal support for public higher education and lift up the University's work to deliver high-quality, affordable opportunities to New Yorkers.

This student advocacy trip will provide the opportunity to network with DC-based SUNY alumni, hear directly from members of Congress, learn how to advocate on Capitol Hill, and meet with Congressional offices to speak about the importance of increased access to key student financial aid programs. Up to 30 fellows will be chosen to participate from across the SUNY system.

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Students (undergraduate or graduate) who are interested in pursuing a career in public policy or higher education, as demonstrated by their current academic and/or co-curricular pursuits. Students who benefit from federal financial aid programs (e.g., Pell grants, Perkins loans) are especially encouraged to apply.

WHAT FELLOWS RECEIVE

- An unforgettable applied learning experience.
- Invites to a reception on Tuesday, March 28th and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, March 29th.
- Lodging costs will be covered; students will be expected to share rooms.

Please NOTE: Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from DC. Students should plan to arrive no later than 5pm on Tuesday, March 28th and depart no earlier than 3pm on Wednesday, March 29th.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM THE FELLOWS

Attendance at all events; readiness to learn; professional attire and conduct; good questions.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must submit the following:

- Up-to-date resume (please describe groups, awards, affiliations and activities as necessary if they are not obvious to those outside your campus community).
- Two essays, not to exceed 300 words each, responding to the following prompts:
 1. If you could have five minutes with a federal elected representative, what would you want to tell them?
 2. How has federal and state support for higher education affected your educational opportunity?
- Letter of recommendation from a member of the campus professional staff or faculty.
- Headshot; Images should be 300 dpi color (rgb or cmyk) in either tiff or jpg format, 3x5 or larger.
- Zipcode of your permanent residence (we will use this information to match you with your Congressional representatives).

All materials must be submitted by 5pm on March 1, 2017, via email to federalrelations@suny.edu. Recommendations should be submitted directly from the nominating faculty or staff member under separate cover, with the candidate's name in the email subject line. Applications and nominations will be reviewed by the event planning team and fellows will be notified by March 8, 2017.

Questions?

Email federalrelations@suny.edu.