

# JOHN WILLIAM WARD PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

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## ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The John William Ward Public Service Fellowship is a summer program that allows Boston Latin School students who have completed their junior or senior year to work in the office of an elected or appointed public servant in state government, municipal government, or the judicial system. It aims to inspire participants to pursue careers in the public sector. Students are selected based on their interest in public service, community involvement, application essay, future goals and personal interview.

During the course of the summer, Fellows perform a wide array of duties in their assigned offices. In addition, they have the unique opportunity to meet as a group with program sponsors and host officials. Through these sessions, Fellows are given a view of public service that is shaped by the experiences and philosophies of decision-makers whose ideals, inspirations, party affiliations, and legislative priorities are as diverse as the responsibilities and duties each official performs to make sure that our commonwealth and city work for its citizens.

The Fellowship is unpaid internship. The Fellowship awards each Fellow a grant of \$2,000 for the summer. Although the program is highly selective, all students are encouraged to apply and will be given thorough consideration. Previous experience in public service is not required for this program, only a genuine interest in public service and the Fellowship experience.

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete and submit the attached **application form** with supporting materials.
2. Provide a copy of your **resume**, **transcript**, and **attendance records**.
3. Write a **two-page essay** about why you would like to participate in the Ward Fellowship and why you should be selected as a Fellow. John William Ward once said that “one must act as if one can make a difference.” Write how and why these words ring true today. Explain how you would contribute to the Fellowship and how you would give back to your school and community if selected. Most importantly, write about why you are interested in public service.
4. There are **two rounds of interviews** for the Fellowship.

The first round will be conducted on **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, **February 13<sup>th</sup>** and **February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

*(Students participating in an international field trip conflicting with the later dates should indicate that conflict to Ms. Gorrill when transmitting their applications.)*

Finalists will be interviewed by the Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf on Friday, February 28, 2020.

***Applicants must be available to interview on this day.***

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TO MS. GORRILL IN THE PIC OFFICE**

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

Ms. Gorrill will correspond with all candidates **via email**.

Applicants selected for **first-round interviews** will be informed by the end of the day on **Friday, February 7th, 2020**.

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Applicants selected for the **final interview** with the Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf will be informed by the end of the day on **Friday, February 28, 2020**.

There will be two informational meetings held afterschool during the week of **January 13<sup>th</sup>** and during the following week of **January 20<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 2:30pm. Informational sessions will be held in one of the Computer Labs. Last year's Ward Fellows will describe their experiences and answer any questions. Attending one of these informational meetings is highly recommended to prospective applicants. We will notify students with the confirmed dates for the informational sessions.

Please note that the John William Ward Fellowship is a **full-time summer position**.

**You must be available to work the entire summer.**

The program is very competitive.

If you change your mind at any point, please contact Ms. Gorrill **immediately** to withdraw your application.



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2020 APPLICATION FORM

PART I

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION OF THE CITY (*e.g.* Dorchester): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that you will be informed of your application status via email.*

HOME NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

PART II

Using this form as a cover sheet, please attach a **two-page essay** (double-spaced) that addresses the following:

- John William Ward once said that “one must act as if one can make a difference.” Write how and why these words ring true today.
- Discuss why you would like to participate in the Fellowship and what would make you a good Fellow. Specify how you would contribute to the Fellowship and how you would give back to your school and community if selected.
- Most importantly, explain why you are interested in public service.

Please also attach a copy of your **resume**, **transcript** and **attendance records**.

(Please ask your guidance counselor for the last two forms.)