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## THE JAMES A. FINNEGAN FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION 2021 ESSAY CONTEST

- 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;
  - \$1,000 awards for other winners; and
  - Honorable mentions as recommended.
  - Winners are placed in a named paid summer internship in state government if COVID-19 and government sponsored internship allow. These internships are named for the late James A. Finnegan and other Pennsylvanians, who have made important contributions to the “art of government” in Pennsylvania.
  - Finnegan Interns also earn weekly salaries paid by state agencies during their internship, if placements are made.
- Summer Experience: If COVID-19 and government sponsored internships allow, students are assigned positions in state government executive branch offices under the Governor’s jurisdiction and attend seminars with leading elected 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. However we will not be able to guarantee that the internships will be available.
- 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 electronically transmitted no later than 11:59 PM on January 27, 2021 or POSTMARKED no later than January 27, 2021. Please mail the application to Kathy Speaker MacNett, Treasurer, 320 Market Street, Suite 600W, Harrisburg, PA 17101 or submit via email to [FinneganEssayContest@gmail.com](mailto:FinneganEssayContest@gmail.com)

Check our Web Page ([www.finneganfoundation.org](http://www.finneganfoundation.org)) for more Information, the Application and submittal instructions.