

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Scholars to Leaders Fellowship

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

\$10,000 Annual Fellowship

1. How do I apply?

To apply, send a request for the application to Fellowship@economicclub.org. The application is only available upon request, and only after the application opens. You must connect with an Economic Club member prior to submitting your application (see 2 and 3 below)

2. What are the requirements to apply?

- Must be a previous recipient of the David M. Rubenstein Scholarship who has completed funding and has earned a bachelor's degree
- Must be able to demonstrate leadership skills/community service
- Must have a history of engagement with Economic Club activities
- Must obtain letter of recommendation from an Economic Club member (non-staff)
- Must obtain letter of recommendation from a professor or employer

3. How do I get an Economic Club member recommendation?

Economic Club members are NOT the same as Economic Club staff. Economic Club members are business leaders who form a pipeline for career development. Economic Club staff support this initiative and can assist with connecting you to Club Members. Please reach out by email to fellowship@economicclub.org for help in forming a relationship with a Member who can assist in this capacity. All connection requests must be received no later than April 30, 2026.

With the request, include the following:

- a. Copy of resume
- b. The career field of your interest
- c. The graduate degree you expect to receive
- d. Your ultimate career goal
- e. Can you recall any Economic Club members who you have connected with in the past?

4. What materials are required in this application?

- Completed online application
- Resume/CV
- Transcript showing completion of undergraduate degree
- If currently enrolled in post-grad school, transcript from graduate school
- If not currently enrolled, letter of acceptance to graduate program
- Photo (headshot or professional picture)
- One letter of recommendation from an Economic Club Member (non-staff)
- One letter of recommendation from a professor or employer

5. When is the deadline for the 2026 Fellowship Application?

The Fellowship application deadline is 11:59pm Sunday, May 31, 2026. We strongly recommend submitting early so the staff can make sure all your materials are complete including receipt of letters of recommendation. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All Applicants will be notified no later than July 31, 2026.

6. What will be included in my Economic Club member recommendation?

- How long and in what capacity the recommender has known the applicant
- Applicant's engagement with the Economic Club (this can be provided to the recommender by the applicant with help from Economic Club staff)
- Leadership experience and/or potential
- Applicant's perceived impact on DC area post program completion
- How funding will benefit applicant's career goals
- Assessment of applicant's character, reliability, and determination to complete graduate program

7. How will I know if my recommenders submitted a letter on my behalf?

Economic Club staff will notify you when the recommendations are received.

8. Can alumni reapply for the fellowship?

Absolutely! Any Economic Club Alumni still pursuing a graduate study degree is eligible to reapply.

9. How can I reach staff to request support?

Please send us an email at fellowship@economicclub.org.