# Fellowship Application Directions & Checklist

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| 3. Write essay that describes your involvement and interest in stamp collecting. Include:  
- What influenced you to begin stamp collecting?  
- In your opinion, what are the best things about stamp collecting?  
- How have you been involved in the hobby?  
- What do you hope to gain from being a Fellow?  
Essay should be typed, double-spaced, and not more than 4 pages in length. | |
| 4. Ask two individuals to complete a *Letter of Recommendation* form. One reference **must** be an educator or academic advisor. The other reference should be from an APS member or a philatelist. Neither reference may be a family member. Before giving the form to the reference, place your name on the “Applicant’s Name” line. Include a stamped, addressed envelope with the form unless it will be submitted electronically. Completed reference forms can either be submitted by the individual completing the reference form or by the applicant with the application materials. | |
| 5. Applicant should sign the application form. Signatures should be witnessed & the witness should also sign the form in the appropriate place. Applicants aged 16 or 17 must complete that “Parent/Guardian Agreement” section of the application. A parent or guardian’s signature is required for all applicants below the age of 18. | |
| 6. Mail the completed application materials to:  
American Philatelic Society  
Attn: YPLF Selection Committee  
100 Match Factory Place  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
Application materials can be submitted electronically to:  
APS Director of Education  
education@stamps.org  
**May 15, 2022 Submission Deadline** | |
| 7. Questions??  
More information is available at: [https://stamps.org/YPLF](https://stamps.org/YPLF)  
Contact APS Director of Education  
Phone: 814.933.3810  
Email: education@stamps.org | |