



Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship

Fellowship Application Directions & Checklist



Application Steps	Date Completed
<p>1. Download application form attached.</p>	
<p>2. Complete application form</p>	
<p>3. Write essay that describes your involvement and interest in stamp collecting. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Essay should be typed, double-spaced, and not more than 4 pages in length.</p>	
<p>4. Ask two individuals to complete a <i>Letter of Recommendation</i> form. One reference must be an educator or academic advisor. Neither reference may be a family member.</p> <p>Before giving the form to the reference, place your name on the "Applicant's Name" line. Include a stamped, addressed envelope with the form.</p> <p>Completed reference forms can either be submitted by the individual completing the reference form or by the applicant with the application materials.</p>	
<p>5. Applicant should sign the application form. Signatures should be witnessed. Witness should also sign the form in the appropriate place.</p> <p>Applicants aged 16 or 17 must complete that "Parent/Guardian Agreement" section of the application. A parent or guardian's signature is required.</p>	
<p>6. Mail the completed application materials to: American Philatelic Society Attn: YPLF Selection Committee 100 Match Factory Place Bellefonte, PA 16823</p>	<p>Application materials can be submitted electronically to: Dr. Cathy Brachbill, Director of Education cbrachbill@stamps.org</p>
<p>7. Questions???</p> <p>More information is available at: http://stamps.org/Young-Philatelic-Leaders Contact Dr. Cathy Brachbill, Director of Education Phone: 814.933.3803 Email: cbrachbill@stamps.org</p>	



Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship Application Form

Applicants must be 16 years of age, but not be older than
24 years of age as of August 1, 2017.



Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Date
Home Address: No. & St. or P.O. Box		
Town or City	State/Province	ZIP Code
Birth Date	E-mail Address	
Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	
High School/College/University	Current Grade/Year	
Learning Institution's Address	Town or City	State/Province ZIP Code
School Website		
Your Stamp Collecting Interest(s) _____		

Are you a member of the Young Stamp Collectors of America (circle one) Yes No

Are you a member of a local stamp club (circle one) Yes No Name of club _____

REFERENCES

Please provide two references (one must be from an educator/academic advisor).

Provide each reference with a *Letter of Recommendation* form to complete and submit.

Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Relationship
Address	Town or City	State/Province ZIP Code
E-mail Address	Phone number	

Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Relationship
Address	Town or City	State/Province ZIP Code
E-mail Address	Phone number	

ESSAY

Please attach an essay describing your involvement and interest in stamp collecting to assist the Selection Committee in determining your potential as a Fellow. Your essay should 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, i.e. attending stamp club meetings, stamp shows, stamp-related events, exhibit making, etc.? What do you hope to gain from being a Fellow? Essay should be typed, double-spaced, and not more than 4 pages in length.

--Continued on back

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN/EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Relationship
Address (if different from applicant's address)		
Town or City	State/Province	ZIP Code
E-mail Address		
Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Work Phone Number & Extension

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

- Required for applicants under the age of 18.

I give permission for my child _____, to participate in the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship and to be matched with an adult mentor. I understand that the program will pay* for my child's travel, accommodations, and a food allowance for my child and one parent/guardian to attend YPLF events. I will assist my child in accomplishing all of the requirements connected with the program and will be responsible for ensuring that my child is chaperoned at all YPLF events. I give permission for my child to be photographed and the images used for promotional material and media coverage.

I, _____, hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives of and from any claims, actions, proceedings, liability, costs and expenses arising in any way out of or resulting from my child's participation in the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship (YPLF) program.

* The program will pay the costs for the lowest available fare purchased 30 days or more in advance.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Witness Signature	Witness Name Printed		Date

FELLOW AGREEMENT

I, _____, hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives of and from any claims, actions, proceedings, liability, costs and expense arising in any way out of or resulting from my participation in the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship (YPLF) program.

I understand that I will be matched with an adult mentor as I participate in the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship. I understand that the program will pay for my travel, accommodations, and meals.* I give my permission to be photographed and the images used for promotional material and media coverage.

I agree to complete the one-year YPLF program, including attendance at all YPLF events and the completion of assignments by established deadlines.

I agree to not use drugs or abuse alcohol during my involvement in the program. I agree to not compromise the integrity or image of the YPLF by doing anything inappropriate or illegal. I understand that what I do reflects on the YPLF and youth philately as a whole. While in the program I will proudly and appropriately represent the American Philatelic Society at all YPLF events and functions. I understand that if I fail in any part of this agreement, that I may be dropped from the YPLF program.

* The program will pay the costs for the lowest available fare purchased 30 days or more in advance.

Applicant Signature	Date	
Witness Signature	Witness Name Printed	Date

Return completed application to:
American Philatelic Society — YPLF • 100 Match Factory Place • Bellefonte, PA 16823
Application Deadline: May 15, 2017



Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

American Philatelic Society • 100 Match Factory Place • Bellefonte, PA, 16823



The Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship (YPLF) is a program with a goal of creating philatelic leaders of tomorrow by connecting them with the leaders of today's philatelic world. This program provides each Fellow with enriching, dynamic experiences and access to the many fascinating and knowledgeable people found throughout the stamp world. During this year-long fellowship, participants are encouraged to explore new areas and achieve their individual philatelic goals by completing research and creating a culminating project.

To be accepted into this very selective program, candidates must submit an application form, complete an essay and provide two letters of recommendation, no later than May 15, 2017. You have been selected as a reference for the person listed below. Would you please take a few moments to complete the following questions? If you would like more information about the YPLF program, please go to: <http://stamps.org/Young-Philatelic-Leaders> or contact Dr. Cathy Brachbill, Director of Education, via email: cbrachbill@stamps.org or phone: 814.933.3803.

Please submit completed form via mail using the address above or email to:
cbrachbill@stamps.org no later than May 15, 2017

Applicant's Name (first and last) _____

Reference's Name (first and last) _____

Reference's Contact & Employment Information

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **Email address** _____

Occupation _____ **Employer** _____

1. **In what role(s) have you interacted with the applicant?** _____

2. **How long have you known the applicant?** _____

3. **For each descriptor, please check the appropriate box that best describes the applicant.**

Descriptor	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable
a. Interpersonal skills						
b. Leadership qualities						
c. Ability to complete complex projects						
d. Oral expression						
e. Written expression						
f. Research skills						
g. Listening skills						
h. Ability to cooperate & work with others						
i. Reliability/Dependability/Trustworthiness						
j. Exhibits self-directedness						
k. Demonstrates motivation						
l. Displays enthusiasm						

4. **What do you consider to be the applicant's greatest strengths?**

5. **What do you consider to be areas for future growth of the applicant?**

6. **What three words or phrases would best describe the applicant?**

1)

2)

3)

7. **Please describe why the applicant would be a good choice for the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship program.**

8. **Additional Comments:**

I, _____, attest to the accuracy of this recommendation.
Print First and Last Name

Signature of Reference

Date

Please submit completed form to:
American Philatelic Society
YPLF Selection Committee
100 Match Factory Place
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Or by email to: cbrachbill@stamps.org