

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Scholars to Leaders Fellowship

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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.

2. When is the deadline for the 2025 Fellowship Application?

The Fellowship deadline is 11:59pm Friday, May 30, 2025. We strongly recommend submitting early so the staff can make sure all your materials are complete including receipt of recommendation letters. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants will be notified no later than July 31, 2025.

3. What are the eligibility requirements?

- 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

4. What materials are required in this application?

- Completed application
- Resume/CV
- Transcript showing completion of undergraduate degree
- If currently enrolled, 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. What should be included in my 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

6. Are Economic Club Members the same as Economic Club Staff for providing the recommendation?

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.

With the request, include the following:

- Copy of resume
- The career field of your interest
- The degree you expect to receive
- Your ultimate career goal
- Can you recall any Economic Club members that you have connected with in the past?

7. How will I know if my recommender 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.