

# USDA E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Application

## 1. Applicant Information

<b>Last Name *</b>	Single line of text
<b>First Name *</b>	Single line of text
<b>Middle Name (optional)</b>	Single line of text
<b>Primary Phone Number *</b>	(Country Code) (000)000-0000
<b>Secondary Phone Number (optional)</b>	(Country Code) (000) 000-0000
<b>Primary Email Address *</b>	Single line of text
<b>Secondary Email Address (optional)</b>	Single Line of text
<b>Position Title *</b>	Single line of text
<b>Start Date *</b>	Date Selector
<b>Citizenship Status *</b>	Choice selection: -U.S Citizen -U.S. National - Other Status: Single line of text
<b>Have you previously applied for the E. Kika de La Garza Fellowship Program? *</b>	Y/N

## 2. Institution Information

<b>Name of Institution *</b>	Single line of text
<b>Address *</b>	Single line of text
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Single line of text
<b>City *</b>	Single line of text
<b>State *</b>	<u>Dropdown choice selection options:</u> Alabama (AL) Alaska (AK) American Samoa (AS) Arizona (AZ) Arkansas (AR) California (CA) Colorado (CO) Connecticut (CT) Delaware (DE) District of Columbia (DC) Florida (FL) Georgia (GA) Guam (GU) Hawaii (HI) Idaho (ID)

	Illinois (IL) Indiana (IN) Iowa (IA) Kansas (KS) Kentucky (KY) Louisiana (LA) Maine (ME) Maryland (MD) Massachusetts (MA) Michigan (MI) Minnesota (MN) Mississippi (MS) Missouri (MO) Montana (MT) Nebraska (NE) Nevada (NV) New Hampshire (NH) New Jersey (NJ) New Mexico (NM) New York (NY) North Carolina (NC) North Dakota (ND) Northern Mariana Islands (MP) Ohio (OH) Oklahoma (OK) Oregon (OR) Pennsylvania (PA) Puerto Rico (PR) Rhode Island (RI) South Carolina (SC) South Dakota (SD) Tennessee (TN) Texas (TX) Utah (UT) Vermont (VT) Virgin Islands (VI) Virginia (VA) Washington (WA) West Virginia (WV) Wisconsin (WI) Wyoming (WY)
<b>Zip/Postal Code *</b>	5-digit number

### 3. Fellowship Information

<b>Which fellowship type are you applying for? (Select one) *</b>	<u>Dropdown choice selection options:</u> -Education (HSI Faculty and Staff)
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	<p>-High School (Superintendents, Principals, Agriculture and/or District-level educators/administrators)</p> <p>-Science (HSI Faculty Researchers and Science Research Educators)</p>
<p><b>Areas of Interest (Select all that apply) *</b></p>	<p><u>Checkbox selection choices: (multi-select):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stakeholder engagement</li> <li>- Retention</li> <li>- Career opportunities/internships for students</li> <li>- Research and Evaluation</li> <li>- Grants</li> <li>- Partnership development</li> <li>- Government relations</li> </ul>
<p><b>What specific [research topics, skills, and/or information] would you find most useful in your [studies/work/careers endeavors]?</b></p> <p><b>(Select up to three (3)) *</b></p>	<p><u>Checkbox selection choices: (multi-select):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Animal Science</li> <li>- Biotechnology</li> <li>- Broadband</li> <li>- Climate</li> <li>- Conservation</li> <li>- Data and Statistics</li> <li>- Economic or Agricultural Economics</li> <li>- Disaster Assistance</li> <li>- Education</li> <li>- Environmental Science</li> <li>- Food and Nutrition</li> <li>- Forestry</li> <li>- Food Safety and Inspection</li> <li>- Foreign Service</li> <li>- Human Sciences</li> <li>- Invasive Species</li> <li>- Marketing and Pricing</li> <li>- National Security</li> <li>- Organic Farming</li> <li>- Plant Science</li> <li>- Recreation and Travel</li> <li>- Rural Development</li> <li>- Sustainable Farming</li> <li>- Trade</li> <li>- Urban Farming</li> <li>- Veterinary Services</li> <li>- Other (please specify): Single line of text</li> </ul>

#### 4. Resume/CV \*

Please upload.

#### 5. Essay \*

Essay Prompt for specific fellowship type:	
<b>Education Fellowship:</b>	Compose a 500 to 800-word statement that describes how the mission and vision of the <a href="#">United States Department of Agriculture</a> aligns with that of your institution. Emphasize how your institution is addressing the unique needs of your underserved student population. Describe your strategy and methods to share the knowledge and information gained during your fellowship with your colleagues, students, and the community.
<b>High School Fellowship:</b>	Compose a 500 to 800-word statement that describes how the mission and vision of the <a href="#">United States Department of Agriculture</a> aligns with that of your institution. Emphasize how your institution is addressing the unique needs of your underserved student population. Describe your strategy and methods to share the knowledge and information gained during your fellowship with colleagues, students, and your community.
<b>Science Fellowship:</b>	Compose an 800 to 1000-word statement that describes your interest in the United States Department of Agriculture and your specific research interests. Specify your preferred agency (i.e., <a href="#">Agricultural Research Service (ARS)</a> , <a href="#">Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)</a> , <a href="#">Forest Service (FS)</a> , or the <a href="#">Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS)</a> ) and include a rationale for your selection. Describe your strategy and methods to share the knowledge and information gained during your fellowship with colleagues, students, and your community.

#### 6. Institutional Support Agreement \*

- I have thoroughly reviewed the fellowship program guidelines and requirements. (Required)
- I understand the duration, expectations, and any other conditions associated with the program. (Required)

I confirm that my organization commits to the continual support of my participation in the fellowship program and, if applicable, intends to cover any salary and benefits which would otherwise be provided during the fellowship period. (Required)

## 7. Application Review and Certification \*

\_\_\_\_\_ I have checked my application for completeness and errors and have provided true information to the best of my knowledge and ability.

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Applicant's Legal Name *	Applicant's Signature *	Date *
Single line of text	Digital signature block	Date dropdown

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## Demographic Questions

Providing the following information is **voluntary** and will have no bearing on your application. USDA OPPE collects this information to ensure equity in our programs and evaluate our outreach efforts.

### What is your race and/or ethnicity?

Select all that apply and enter additional details in the spaces below.

**American Indian or Alaska Native**

Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Black Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.

**Asian**

- Chinese
- Asian Indian
- Filipino
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Japanese
- Another group (Enter, for example, Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc.)

**Black or African American**

- African American
- Jamaican
- Haitian
- Nigerian
- Ethiopian
- Somali
- Another group (Enter, for example, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Ghanian, Congolese, etc.)

**Hispanic or Latino**

- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- Salvadoran
- Cuban
- Dominican
- Guatemalan
- Another group (Enter, for example, Colombian, Honduran, Spaniard, etc.)

**Middle Eastern or North African**

- Lebanese
- Iranian
- Egyptian
- Syrian
- Iraqi
- Israeli
- Another group (Enter, for example, Moroccan, Yemeni, Kurdish, etc.)

**O Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander**

- Native Hawaiian
- Samoan
- Chamorro
- Tongan
- Fijian
- Marshallese
- Another group (Enter, for example, Chuukese, Palauan, Tahitian, etc.)

**O White**

- English
- German
- Irish
- Italian
- Polish
- Scottish
- Another group (Enter, for example, French, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.)

**Gender (Optional)**

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary/third gender
- I use a different term.
- Prefer not to answer.

**What is your U.S. Military service status? (Optional)**

No prior Military Service
Currently in National Guard or Reserves
Retired
Separated or Discharged

**Are you a military spouse? (Optional)**

Yes

No

**Are you an individual with a disability? (Optional)**

Yes

No

**Do you need any special accommodations? (Optional)**

Yes

No

If so, what accommodations do you need?

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