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In America, history is not only made by presidents and generals. Change often comes when committed citizens take an active role in our democracy, engage in the debates of our time, and help shape the future we share.

By connecting emerging leaders with public servants working at the highest levels of the Federal Government, the White House Fellows Program helps carry this tradition forward and cultivates the sense of shared responsibility that lies at the heart of our system of government. Established in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, this prestigious program offers our next generation of doers and thinkers first-hand experience of how our Government works.

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In the 50 years since its founding, the White House Fellows Program has helped prove that those who love their country can change it. Our Nation needs your drive and talent, and we hope you consider applying to the program.

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