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International Leadership Foundation Is Accepting Applications for 2014 Summer Civic Fellowship Program in Washington D.C.

The International Leadership Foundation (ILF) is pleased to announce that the application process for the 2014 Civic Fellowship Program is now open. Every year, ILF's selection committee identifies approximately 30 outstanding Asian Pacific American college students who spend eight to ten weeks interning at a federal agency in Washington D.C. during the summer.

Students who accept the fellowship are known as Civic Fellows, will receive a stipend of 2,000 dollars, attend weekly leadership seminars on Capitol Hill and gain valuable, firsthand working knowledge of the American government system. Fellows are responsible for their own travel, housing and living expenses.

"ILF has a stellar record of advocating for increased civic engagement and public service from the Asian Pacific American community," said Chiling Tong, ILF's chief executive officer. "We need a greater representation of our community in government, and ILF's goal is to train our young generation to be successful leaders in their chosen fields and raise our community's profile."

Based on the interests and majors of selected Civic Fellowship candidates, ILF will work to place them with over a dozen federal agencies, as well as limited placements in congressional offices and the White House. "The ILF works hard to foster bright young AAPI youth who wish to experience the inner workings behind this great country's national government, and provides effective training classes to enhance leadership skills," said Norman Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation. Mr. Mineta is also the honorary chairman of ILF, while the Honorable Elaine Chao serves as honorary chairwoman.

Undergraduate students of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage who are United States citizens and possess a GPA of 3.0 and above are eligible for this fellowship. Applications **must be submitted by February 1, 2014**. To learn more or submit an application, visit www.ileader.org.

About ILF

ILF promotes the civic awareness, public service and economic effectiveness of the APA community. Our mission is to develop young leaders in the United States, Asia and other Pacific Rim countries in the field of public service, entrepreneurship and the international arena through a network of business and community leaders. ILF has a network of national advisory boards and global advisory councils in 15 cities, comprised of professional, civic and business leaders. Since its founding in 2000, ILF has provided scholarships and leadership training for thousands of talented APA college students from across the country. In addition, ILF established the Young Ambassador Program to prepare the next generation of international young leaders to understand American democratic governance and to network with Fellows to address global issues in our changing world.

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