



# MORTAR BOARD

SCHOLARS...CHOSEN FOR LEADERSHIP...UNITED TO SERVE

## Mortar Board Fellowships for Graduate and Professional Studies

**Deadline: Monday, March 31, 2008 at 5:00 pm**

\*\*Turn in to the Office of Student Government, Russell House 227.\*\*

Mailbox #: SG 069

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USC Baccalaureate Degree recipients or graduating seniors expecting to begin graduate or professional study at USE in the summer or fall 2008, as well as current USC graduate or professional school students, may apply for the Mortar Board Fellowship. All recipients of this fellowship must have received their undergraduate degree from USC.

The Mortar Board ideals of scholarship, leadership, and service are the criteria for these fellowships. All applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Financial need will only be a criterion when candidates are equally qualified.

The fellowships may only be applied to graduate study at the University of South Carolina.

The recipients will be eligible to hold a graduate assistantship of other financial award in addition to the scholarship.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT USC? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

IF NO, GIVE NAME AND DATE OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE EARNED AT USC

DEGREE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATE PROGRAM, DEGREE, AND TERM ADMITTED TO OR APPLIED FOR IF

PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREE \_\_\_\_\_ TERM \_\_\_\_\_

**INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:**

- 1. A two-page essay describing your personal and professional goals.**
- 2. A list of scholastic honors and awards**
- 3. A list of extracurricular activities (campus and community) and offices held**
- 4. Two letters of recommendation (one must be academic) to support your application**
- 5. A two-page essay response to ONE of the following:**
  - a. Mortar Board emphasizes service to the community. This year’s Mortar Board has concentrated on “Reading is Learning” in which members have volunteered at a local after-school program to read to children. Write an essay in which you describe your most important community service and volunteer experiences in college and how they have contributed to your personal growth.**
  - b. Each year Mortar Board recognizes professors who have exhibited “Excellence in Teaching.” Write an essay in which you describe what “Excellence in Teaching” means to you and the ways a professor has contributed to your University experience.**

**Also include additional information about yourself to supplement the selection of fellowship recipients. Such information might include your reasons for pursuing a graduate or professional degree (or for wishing to do so at USC), your community service activities, employment experience, and accomplishments not otherwise noted on this application.**

**Briefly describe how you will finance your graduate studies. (This will be a criterion only when candidates are equally qualified.)**

**I VERIFY THAT THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND I GIVE MORTAR BOARD PERMISSION TO CHECK ITS VALIDITY.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If you have any questions or concerns please contact Katie LeBlanc at [leblankm@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:leblankm@mailbox.sc.edu).**