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# Governor's Fellowship



## *Application for* **2026-2027**

### ***What is the Governor's Fellowship Program?***

The Governor's Fellowship provides a unique experience in Indiana State government. The program is highly selective, recruiting talented future leaders from across the state to serve in the Governor's office and various state agencies on a rotating basis over the course of twelve months. Fellows participate in the daily activities of state government, complete special projects, travel to observe how work in the Capitol translates into action throughout the State, and experience firsthand how policies are made.

Governor's Fellows go on to work in a variety of settings. Many of those who have participated as Governor's Fellows over the past two decades have gone on to successful careers in both the public and the private sector – some serving at the highest levels of local, state and federal government. They take from their fellowship an exceptional understanding of the workings of state government and experience in a variety of areas. At the same time, fellows have been able to give back to the state through their years of public service.

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## ELIGIBILITY

The Governor's Fellowship Program is open to college graduates who earn their bachelor's or associate's degrees in either summer or fall 2025 or spring 2026. Additionally, starting in 2025 individuals who have at least two years of work experience, in lieu of a college degree, may apply. Any applicant may apply, but special consideration will be given to applicants from Indiana and candidates that shows exceptional work in their field or studies.

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

Please fill out the application below and submit it along with all of the following supporting materials: current official college transcript or detailed work experience, essay (see prompt below), 3-5 letters of recommendation, and a resume.

If you have questions concerning the fellowship program, please contact Jessica Roeder in the Governor's Office at [jroeder@gov.in.gov](mailto:jroeder@gov.in.gov).

The completed application, with all supporting materials, should be submitted in one email to: [jroeder@gov.in.gov](mailto:jroeder@gov.in.gov)

To be eligible for consideration, applications must be submitted by **Friday, March 6**,

**2026.** Again, all application material must be emailed together to avoid loss of documentation. Material sent separately will not be accepted.

## SELECTION

The Governor's steering committee conducts an initial review of the applications; the most qualified candidates are then selected to interview with the committee at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. Applicants should know if they have been selected for an interview no later than Friday, March 13, 2026. After the interviews, the committee forwards its recommendations to the Governor based on leadership skills, academic record/qualifications, references, quality of essay and overall interest in State government. The Governor then makes the final selection of Governor's Fellows. Recipients of the Fellowship will be notified as soon as possible following the Governor's decision.

## COMPENSATION

Governor's Fellows receive a competitive salary of \$42,900 plus full fringe benefits during the Fellowship year. The year of service corresponds with the State fiscal year, July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.



## **Application for the Governor's Fellowship Program**

(Applications must be typed)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address (if different from permanent) : \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### ***(Option 1) Education***

A current official grade transcript must be included in the application packet.

No other version will be accepted.

Undergraduate institution \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average at graduation or last semester completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees earned \_\_\_\_\_ Date conferred \_\_\_\_\_

Other institutions attended \_\_\_\_\_

### ***(Option 2) Work Experience***

Current employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of work experience with the company: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary duties/responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional duties/responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest professional accomplishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Other employers and years of service at each: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Honors and Activities***

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## ***Hobbies and Special Interests***

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## ***Executive Branch State Agencies of Interest***

(For a complete list of state agencies, please visit [www.in.gov/core/find\\_agency.html](http://www.in.gov/core/find_agency.html))

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## ***References***

Three to five letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. Letters of recommendation should illustrate diversity in an applicant's background. List the names of the writers, their position, and your relationship to them here.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
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## ***Essay***

Please attach a brief (450-550 words) typewritten essay in response to the following:

What is the greatest opportunity for Governor Mike Braun's administration to make a difference in Indiana? How should that opportunity be addressed?

**\*Completed Applications must be received via email no later than Friday, March 6, 2026\***  
*(including this application, transcript (if applicable), reference letters, resume, and essay)*