

# JOHN WILLIAM WARD PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

*“One must act as if one can make a difference”*

## ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The John William Ward Public Service Fellowship is a summer program that allows Boston Latin School students who have completed their junior or senior year to work in the office of an elected or appointed public servant in the executive, legislative, or judicial branches of the city, state, or federal government in Boston. It aims to inspire participants to pursue careers in public service. Students are selected based on their interest in public service, community involvement, application essay, future goals, and personal interview.

During the course of the summer, Fellows perform a wide array of duties in their assigned offices. In addition, they have the unique opportunity to meet as a group with program sponsors and host officials. Through these sessions, Fellows are given a view of public service that is shaped by the experiences and philosophies of decision-makers whose ideals, inspirations, party affiliations, and legislative priorities are as diverse as the responsibilities and duties each official performs to make sure that our city and commonwealth work for its citizens.

The Fellowship is an unpaid internship. The Fellowship awards each Fellow a grant of \$3,000 in recognition of their selection. Although the program is highly selective, all students are encouraged to apply and will be given thorough consideration. Previous experience in public service is not required for this program, only a genuine interest in public service and the Fellowship experience.

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete and submit the attached **application form** with supporting materials.
2. Provide a copy of your **resume**, **high school transcript**, and **attendance records**.
3. Write a **two-page essay** about why you would like to participate in the Ward Fellowship and why you should be selected as a Fellow. John William Ward once said that “one must act as if one can make a difference.” Write **how** and **why** these words ring true today. Explain how you would contribute to the Fellowship and how you would give back to your school and community if selected. Most importantly, write about why you are interested in public service.
4. There are **two rounds of interviews** for the Fellowship.

The first round of interviews will be conducted on **February 5, 6 and 7**.

The final round of interviews will be conducted on Friday, **FEBRUARY 28, 2025**.

*Applicants must be available to interview on this day.*

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 BY 4:00 PM**  
**TO Erin.Laverty@bostonpic.org**

*Late applications will not be accepted.*

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

There will be two informational meetings held during January. Last year's Ward Fellows will describe their experiences and answer any questions. Attending one of these informational meetings is highly recommended to prospective applicants.

Applications are due by email to [Erin.Laverty@bostonpic.org](mailto:Erin.Laverty@bostonpic.org) by 4 pm on **January 30, 2025**

Applicants selected for first round interviews will be informed by the end of the day on **February 3, 2025**.

First Round Interviews will be held **virtually** on **February 5, 6, and 7**.

Applicants selected for the final interview will be informed by **February 21, 2025**.

Finalists will be interviewed by the Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf on **Friday, February 28, 2025**.

Please note that the John William Ward Fellowship is a **full-time summer position**.  
**You must be available to work the entire summer.**

If you change your mind at any point, please contact the Fellowship immediately to withdraw your application.



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## 2025 APPLICATION FORM

### PART I

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION OF THE CITY with zip code (e.g. Dorchester): \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Please note that you will be informed of your application status via email.*

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

\_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER BLS FELLOWSHIPS YOU HAVE HELD IN THE PAST:

### PART II

Using this form as a cover sheet, please attach a **two-page essay** (double-spaced) that addresses the following:

- John William Ward once said that "one must act as if one can make a difference." Write how and why these words ring true today.
- Discuss why you would like to participate in the Fellowship and what would make you a good Fellow. Specify how you would contribute to the Fellowship and how you would give back to your school and community if selected.
- Most importantly, explain why you are interested in public service.

Please also attach a copy of your **resume**, **high school transcript** and **attendance record**.

(Please ask your guidance counselor for the last two forms.)