

Application for Blakemore Freeman Fellowship for Advanced Asian Language Study or Blakemore Refresher Grant

Name Birthdate

Primary Email Address

Alternate Email Address

Telephone

Mailing Address

Your Citizenship Status

- I am a U.S. citizen
 I am an Alien with U.S. Permanent Resident Status/Alien Registration No

If awarded a Blakemore Freeman Fellowship or Blakemore Refresher Grant, I plan to use the grant for language study at the following language program in East or Southeast Asia:

Language Dates of study

Language Program (list one only)

Have you applied? If not, why?

Principal Academic or Professional Honors

Previous study of the language for which I am applying:

Highest Level Completed (example: 4th Year Chinese)

Study abroad or other programs attended

Colleges or Universities Attended *Please enclose with your application or send under separate cover official transcripts in original sealed envelopes from all institutions at which you have studied for more than one year.*

| Institution | Major | Degree & Date (received or expected) |
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Recommendation Letters *Please enclose with your application or send under separate cover two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes.*

Name of Recommender #1

Title/Position

University or Organization

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Email

Telephone

Name of Recommender #2

Title/Position

University or Organization

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Email

Telephone

Application Agreement

I have read the Foundation's Eligibility Requirements, Selection Criteria and Grant Guidelines as published on the Blakemore Foundation's website at <http://www.blakemorefoundation.org>. I believe that I qualify for a Blakemore Freeman Fellowship based on this information. I confirm that I am not related to any of the current members of the Blakemore Foundation Board of Managers as of the date of this application.

I authorize the language program listed above to release information on my admittance status and results of any written or oral tests conducted as part of the program's application process directly to the Foundation.

Date _____

Signature _____

Application Deadline: Postmarked by December 30, 2009

Send all materials to:

Mr. Griffith Way, Trustee
Blakemore Foundation
1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800
Seattle, Washington 98101-3266

Study for grant must start between June 2010 and May 2011. No deferrals will be permitted.

All grants are awarded contingent upon the applicant's unconditional acceptance by the language program.

"Unconditional acceptance" means that the applicant must not be required to complete a summer program as a prerequisite to academic year admission.

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Materials to Be Submitted with Blakemore Freeman Fellowship Application

- Completed application form
- Essay (three to four pages in length, double-spaced) discussing:
 - Applicant's academic, professional or business background
 - Prior study and use of the language and involvement with the Asian country
 - Career objectives and how the language will be used to achieve them
- Two recent letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with applicant's academic, professional or business experience.
- Official college and university transcripts from all institutions at which applicant has studied for more than one year.
- If applicant has **not** completed 3 academic years of study of the language at the college level, submit the Foreign Language Reference Form, completed by a language instructor or other qualified individual able to evaluate the applicant's language competency. Otherwise, do not submit the form.
- Applicants for programs involving tutorials should submit the following additional information with their application:
 - Information on the proposed language program
 - Information regarding the proposed tutors' professional qualifications
 - Budget for estimated tutoring expenses
 - The applicant's proposed affiliation during the grant period with a recognized educational institution in the Asian country

Materials to Be Submitted with Blakemore Refresher Grant Application (former Blakemore Freeman Fellows – see separate instructions below)

- Completed application form
- Essay (three to four pages in length, double-spaced) discussing:
 - Applicant's academic, professional or business background
 - Prior study and use of the language and involvement with the Asian country
 - Career objectives and how the language will be used to achieve them
- One recent letter of recommendation from individual familiar with applicant's academic, professional or business experience.
- Curriculum vitae
- Latest official college transcript (applicable only to those who have not yet received their doctorate)
- Applicants for programs involving tutorials should submit the following additional information with their application:
 - Information on the proposed tutorial program
 - Information regarding the proposed tutors' professional qualifications
 - Budget for estimated tutoring expenses
 - The applicant's proposed affiliation during the grant period with a recognized educational institution in the Asian country

Materials to Be Submitted by former Blakemore Freeman Fellows for Blakemore Refresher Grant Application

- Completed application form
- Essay (two to three pages in length, double-spaced) discussing:
 - Reasons for requesting additional language study
 - Use of the language since last receiving a Blakemore grant.
- Curriculum vitae
- Applicants for programs involving tutorials should submit the following additional information with their application:
 - Applicant's proposed affiliation during the grant period with a recognized educational institution in the Asian country

Application Timeline

- December 30 – Postmark deadline for applications
- February - Applications reviewed by Foundation
- March - Finalists and alternates notified and interviewed
- Late March/early April - Grantees selected and notified of grants

Additional Information Concerning Application Materials

- Letters of Recommendation
 - No special forms are used. A letter printed on a recommender's professional letterhead is preferred.
 - Letters of recommendation discussing applicant's overall abilities, to the extent known by the recommender, are preferred to those which are limited to evaluating an applicant's language skills.
 - Letters of recommendation may be included with application or sent under separate cover, but must be in unopened sealed envelopes from recommenders.
 - Recommendations sent under separate cover should be addressed to: Mr. Griffith Way, Trustee, Blakemore Foundation, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800, Seattle, Washington 98101-3266.
 - Letters of Recommendation
- Foreign Language Reference Form
 - This form is submitted ONLY if the applicant has not completed 3 years of study of the language at the college level. It should be completed by a language instructor or other individual competent to assess applicant's language abilities.
- Transcripts
 - Transcripts may either be included with application or sent under separate cover, but must be in sealed envelopes from issuing institution.
 - Photocopies of transcripts from institutions located outside the United States will be accepted if official transcripts are not readily obtainable.
 - Transcripts are required only from universities at which the applicant has studied for more than one year.
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
 - A curriculum vitae or resume may be included with an application for a Blakemore Freeman Fellowship, but is not required. A curriculum vitae or resume is required with an application for a Blakemore Refresher Grant.

Mailing Instructions

- Application materials should be carefully addressed, using the complete mailing address of the Foundation. In previous years materials have been delayed or even returned to the sender by the U.S. Postal Service due to a missing suite number or incorrect zip code.
- Application materials should be addressed to:
The Blakemore Foundation
Mr. Griffith Way, Trustee
1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800
Seattle, Washington 98101-3266

Application Deadline

- Applications must be postmarked by December 30.
- An application received after December 30 must show proof of mailing by the deadline consisting of one of the following:
 - A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark;
 - A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service;
 - A dated shipping label, invoice or receipt from a commercial carrier (Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc.)
 - If December 30 falls on a Sunday or other postal holiday in the United States, then applications may be postmarked the next business day.
 - We recommend that applications sent from overseas be shipped well before December 30 or be sent by express delivery in order to ensure that the application is received in a timely manner.

For further information, please contact:

Griffith Way, Trustee or Cathy Scheibner, Administrative Assistant
Blakemore Foundation
1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800
Seattle, Washington 98101-3266
Telephone: (206) 359-8778
Email: blakemore@perkinscoie.com

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REFERENCE FORM

Submit only if applicant has not completed 3 academic years of study of the language at college level.

Name of Individual Applicant

Language

INSTRUCTIONS: *Please check the applicant's present language ability in relation to each of the following categories:*

SPEAKING AND LISTENING (Please check one)

- Unable to function in the spoken language
- Able to satisfy basic social needs and maintain very simple conversation in familiar topics
- Able to satisfy routine social demands and limited work requirements
- Able to participate effectively in most formal and informal conversations on practical and social topics and on professional topics in restricted contexts
- Able to use the language fluently and accurately on all levels pertinent to professional needs
- Use of language is functionally equivalent to a well-educated native speaker

READING (Please check one)

- No practical ability to read the language
- Sufficient comprehension to read very simple connected written material in a form equivalent to usual printing or typescript
- Sufficient comprehension to read simple, authentic texts on subjects within a familiar context
- Able to read within a normal range of speed and with almost complete comprehension a variety of authentic prose material on unfamiliar subjects, as well as technical material
- Able to read fluently and accurately all styles and forms of the language pertinent to professional needs, including all materials in one's special field
- Reading proficiency is functionally equivalent to a well-educated native speaker

Please indicate briefly how the evaluation was determined (e.g., 2 years of coursework, a test, etc.)

Name of Evaluator

Signature

Date

Evaluator's Institution

Department

Position or Title