

To which fellowship program are you making an application: Mellon Mays ___ Bouchet ___ Both ___

Undergraduate Activities & Awards:

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Enrollment in Special Programs/Advanced Studies:

___ Directed Studies ___ STARS ___ Perspectives On Science ___ Other

PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAYS

(Please limit yourself to 350 words per question. Essays must be typed or printed for consideration)

Please describe your research interests and your motivation to teach at the College/University level. What do you find especially engaging about a future career in higher education? Describe how this interest developed. Provide examples of steps you've taken outside of applying for this fellowship program to pursue this career.

The Mellon Mays and Bouchet fellowships seek to facilitate the academic training of students interested in addressing issues of diversity in higher education. Edward A. Bouchet was denied the opportunity to pursue a career in academia during his time, though he dedicated himself to teaching students of color at the secondary school level. Benjamin E. Mays, in turn, taught at the university level, though segregation and disenfranchisement continued to be realities for most of his academic career. Reflecting on the experiences of either Bouchet or Mays and the goals of the fellowships named after them, tell us about personal and academic achievements, along with extracurricular involvement, that demonstrate your desire to question boundaries, surpass particular obstacles, or reach out to communities that have historically been marginalized from higher education.

Reminder: Application Deadline: 4pm, Monday, February 1, 2010

(Submit your application in the drop box at the reception desk of the Dean's office on the first floor of SSS, 1 Prospect St.)

Application and supporting materials should be addressed to Mrs. Sharleen Sánchez Barrera, Yale College Dean's Office, 55 Whitney Avenue STE 630, Attention: Mellon Mays/Bouchet Selection Committee, and must include the following:

- ___ Application
- ___ Personal Statement Essays (typed, double-space)
- ___ Academic Record (unofficial transcript)
- ___ Letters of Recommendation (limit 2 per application, one of which should be from a classroom instructor in Yale College)
- ___ Writing Sample (limit 10pp. Sample not restricted to your current or intended major/area of interest and can be a piece that describes a previous research experience. Should be a piece of writing that you are proud of.)
- ___ Faculty Mentor Assignment Form (if a mentor has agreed to serve in this capacity)
- ___ Student Grants Database Registration (<http://studentgrants.yale.edu/>) for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program and/or the Edward A. Bouchet Undergraduate Fellowship

If selected as a Fellow, I hereby authorize the Yale College Dean's Office and/or program administration to obtain **annual** copies of my academic record—while affiliated with the program—for the purpose of advising and meeting annual reporting requirements. I understand that if selected, the fellowship program becomes my first priority outside of course work and that I will be expected to engage in two years of independent, part-time academic research (to replace work-study) and two full-time summer sessions of research (to replace summer employment/internships). I also understand that I am expected to adhere by all program policies and expectations or risk dismissal from the fellowship program:

Name (Print)

Signature

Date