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at an accredited university in the Washington, DC, area. The Institute is an integral part of each fellowship.

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#### **§ 2400.48 Fellows' participation in the Summer Institute.**

Each fellow is required as part of his or her fellowship to attend the Institute (if it is offered), normally during the summer following the Fellow's commencement of graduate study under a fellowship.

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#### **§ 2400.49 Contents of the Summer Institute.**

The principal element of the Institute is a graduate history course, "Foundations of American Constitutionalism." Other components of the Institute include study visits to sites associated with the lives and careers of members of the founding generation.

#### **§ 2400.50 Allowances and Summer Institute costs.**

At the Foundation's discretion, Fellows may be paid an allowance to help offset income foregone by their required attendance. The Foundation also funds the costs of the Institute and Fellows' round-trip transportation to and from the Institute site. The costs of tuition, required fees, books, room, and board entailed by the Institute will be paid for by the Foundation directly but may be offset against fellowship award limits if the credits earned for the Institute are included within the Fellows' degree requirements.

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#### **§ 2400.51 Summer Institute accreditation.**

The Institute is accredited for six graduate semester credits by the university at which it is held. It is expected that the universities at which Fellows are pursuing their graduate study will, upon Fellows' satisfactory completion of the Institute, accept these credits or their credit-hour equivalent upon transfer from the university at which the Institute is held in fulfillment of the minimum number of

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credits required for Fellows' graduate degrees. Satisfactory completion of the Institute will fulfill 6 of the Foundation's 12 semester credits required in graduate study of the history and development of the Constitution. Fellows, with the Foundation's assistance, are strongly encouraged to make good faith efforts to have their universities incorporate the Institute into their Plan of Study and accept the 6 Institute credits toward the minimum number of credits required for their master's degrees.

### **Subpart F—Fellowship Stipend**

#### **§ 2400.52 Amount of stipend.**

Junior and Senior Fellowships carry a stipend of up to a maximum of \$24,000 pro-rated over the period of Fellows' graduate study. In no case shall the stipend for a fellowship exceed \$12,000 per academic year. Within this limit, stipends will be pro-rated over the period of Fellows' graduate study as follows: a maximum of \$6,000 per academic semester or trimester of full-time study, and a maximum of \$4,000 per academic quarter of full-time study. Stipends for part-time study will be pro rata shares of those allowable for full-time study.

#### **§ 2400.53 Duration of stipend.**

Stipends for Junior Fellowships may be payable over a period up to 2 calendar years of full-time graduate study, and those for Senior Fellowships may be payable over a period of not more than 5 calendar years of part-time graduate study, beginning with the dates under which Fellows commence their graduate study under their fellowships. However, the duration of stipend payments will be subject to the maximum payment limits, the length of award time limits, and the completion of the minimum degree requirements, whichever occurs first. A waiver of the time limit may be given for full-time students who require more than 36 credit hours or 54 quarter hours to complete their approved degree.

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### § 2400.54 Use of stipend.

Stipends shall be used only to pay the costs of tuition, required fees, books, room, and board associated with graduate study under a fellowship. The costs allowed for a Fellow's room and board will be the amount the Fellow's university reports to the Foundation as the cost of room and board for a graduate student if that student were to share a room at the student's university. If no shared graduate housing exists, then costs for regular shared student housing will be used. If no campus housing exists, the equivalent room and board costs at neighboring universities will be used. Stipends for room, board, and books will be prorated for Fellows enrolled in study less than full time. The Foundation will not reimburse Fellows for any portion of their master's degree study, that Fellows may have completed prior to the commencement of their fellowships. Nor will the Foundation reimburse Fellows for any credits acquired above the minimum number of credits required for the degree. If a Fellow has already taken and paid for courses that can be credited toward the Fellow's graduate degree under a fellowship, those must be credited to the degree; the remaining required courses will be paid for by the Foundation.

### § 2400.55 Certification for stipend.

In order to receive a fellowship stipend, a Fellow must submit the following nine items in writing:

- (a) An acceptance of the terms and conditions of the fellowship including a completed certificate of compliance form;
- (b) Evidence of admission to an approved graduate program;
- (c) Certified copies of undergraduate and, if any, graduate transcripts;
- (d) A certified payment request form indicating the estimated costs for tuition, required fees, books, room, and board;
- (e) a photo copy of the university's bulletin of cost information;
- (f) The amount and nature of income from any other grants or awards;
- (g) information about the Fellow's degree requirements, including the number of required credits to fulfill the degree;

(h) a statement of the university's willingness to accept the transfer of 6 credits toward the Fellow's degree requirements for the Fellow's satisfactory completion of the Summer Institute (see § 2400.51); and

(i) A full Plan of Study over the duration of the fellowship, including information on the contents of required constitutional courses. Senior Fellows must provide evidence of their continued full-time employment as teachers in grades 7–12.

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### § 2400.56 Payment of stipend.

Payment for tuition, required fees, books, room, and board subject to the limitations in §§ 2400.52 through 2400.55 and §§ 2400.59 through 2400.60 will be paid via Electronic Funds Transfer to each Fellow at the beginning of each term of enrollment and upon the Fellow's submission of a completed Payment Request Form which includes the current University bulletin of cost information.

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### § 2400.57 Termination of stipend.

(a) The Foundation may suspend or terminate the payment of a stipend if a Fellow fails to meet the criteria set forth in § 2400.40 through § 2400.44 and § 2400.60, except as provided for in § 2400.61. Before it suspends or terminates a fellowship under these circumstances, the Foundation will give notice to the Fellow, as well as the opportunity to be heard with respect to the grounds for suspension or termination.

(b) The Foundation will normally suspend the payment of a stipend if a Fellow has more than one grade of "Incomplete" in courses for which the Foundation has made payment to the Fellow.

### § 2400.58 Repayment of stipend.

(a) If a Fellow fails to secure a master's degree, fails to teach American history, American government, social studies, or political science on a full-time basis in a secondary school for at least one school year for each academic year for which assistance was provided

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under a fellowship, fails to secure at least 12 semester hours or their credit hour equivalent for study of the Constitution as indicated in §2400.43(b), or fails to attend the Foundation's Summer Institute on the Constitution, the Fellow must repay all of the fellowship costs received plus interest at the rate of 6% per annum or as otherwise authorized and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees, as prescribed in Section 807 of the Act (20 U.S.C. 4506(b)).

(b) If a Fellow withdraws from the fellowship or has a fellowship terminated by the Foundation, the Fellow must repay all fellowship funds which have been remitted to the Fellow or on his or her behalf under a fellowship.

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### **Subpart G—Special Conditions**

#### **§ 2400.59 Other awards.**

Fellows may accept grants from other foundations, institutions, corporations, or government agencies to support their graduate study or to replace any income foregone for study. However, the stipend paid by the Foundation for allowable costs indicated in §2400.52 will be reduced to the extent these costs are paid from other sources, and in no case will fellowship funds be paid to Fellows to provide support in excess of their actual total costs of tuition, required fees, books, room, and board. The Foundation may also reduce a Fellow's stipend if the Fellow is remunerated for the costs of tuition under a research or teaching assistantship or a work-study program. In such a case, the Foundation will require information from a Fellow's university about the intended use of assistantship or work-study support before remitting fellowship payments.

#### **§ 2400.60 Renewal of award.**

(a) Provided that Fellows have submitted all required documentation and are making satisfactory academic progress, it is the intent of the Foundation to renew Junior Fellowship awards annually for a period not to exceed two calendar years or the completion of their graduate degrees, whichever comes first, and Senior Fellow-

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ships for a period not to exceed 5 calendar years (except when those periods have been altered because of changes in Fellows' Plan of Study as provided for in §2400.64), or until a Fellow has completed all requirements for a master's degree, whichever comes first. In no case, however, will the Foundation continue payments under a fellowship to a Fellow who has reached the maximum payments under a fellowship as indicated in §2400.52, or completed the minimum number of credits required for the degree. Although Fellows are not discouraged in taking courses in addition to those required for the degree or required to maintain full-time status, the Foundation will not in such cases pay for those additional courses.

(b) Fellowship renewal will be subject to an annual review by the Foundation and certification by an authorized official of the university at which a Fellow is registered that the Fellow is making satisfactory progress toward the degree and is in good academic standing according to the standards of each university.

(c) As a condition of renewal of awards, each Fellow must submit an annual activity report to the Foundation by July 15th. That report must indicate, through submission of a copy of the Fellow's most recent transcript, courses taken and grades achieved; courses planned for the coming year; changes in academic or professional plans or situations; any awards, recognitions, or special achievements in the Fellow's academic study or school employment; and such other information as may relate to the fellowship and its holder.

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#### **§ 2400.61 Postponement of award.**

Upon application to the Foundation, a Fellow may seek postponement of his or her fellowship because of ill health or other mitigating circumstances, such as military duty, temporary disability, necessary care of an immediate family member, or unemployment as a teacher. Substantiation of the reasons for the requested postponement of study will be required. All postponements are given at the Foundation's