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Subpart A—General

§ 2400.1 Purposes.

(a) The purposes of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Program are to:

(1) Provide incentives for master's degree level graduate study of the history, principles, and development of the United States Constitution by outstanding in-service teachers of American history, American government, social studies, and political science in grades 7–12 and by outstanding college graduates who plan to become teachers of the same subjects; and

(2) Strengthen teaching in the nation's secondary schools about the principles, framing, ratification, and subsequent history of the United States Constitution.

(b) The Foundation may from time to time operate its own programs and undertake other closely-related activities to fulfill these goals.

§ 2400.2 Annual competition.

To achieve its principal purposes, the Foundation holds an annual national competition to select teachers in grades 7–12, college seniors, and college graduates to be James Madison Fellows.

§ 2400.3 Eligibility.

Individuals eligible to apply for and hold James Madison Fellowships are United States citizens, United States nationals, or permanent residents of the Northern Mariana Islands who are:

(a) Teachers of American history, American government, social studies, or political science in grades 7–12 who:

(1) Are teaching full time during the year in which they apply for a fellowship;

(2) Are under contract, or can provide evidence of being under prospective contract, to teach full time as teachers of American history, American government, social studies, or political science in grades 7–12;

(3) Have demonstrated records of willingness to devote themselves to