

## Soros Fellowship for New Americans

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<b>Purpose</b>	From the website: <i>to provide opportunities for continuing generations of able and accomplished New Americans to achieve leadership in their chosen fields.</i> Founded by Paul and Daisy Soros in 1997.
<b>Award</b>	
<i>Tenable</i>	Graduate/professional programs at any accredited American university. Almost any field of study.
<i>Number &amp; Amount</i>	Thirty awards annually. Half tuition and an additional \$20,000 grant each year to cover living expenses.
<i>Duration</i>	One or two years of graduate study.
<b>Eligibility</b>	
<i>Who</i>	New American under the age of thirty. <i>New American</i> is defined as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A resident alien (holds Green Card) with multiple years of IRS filing.</li><li>2. Naturalized US citizen.</li><li>3. A child of two parents who are naturalized citizens.</li></ol>
<i>When</i>	College seniors or recent graduates may apply. Students in the first or second year of graduate school may also apply.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Strong potential to contribute to society. 84 finalists are interviewed. Three broad criteria are cited: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Creativity, originality and initiative.</li><li>2. Commitment to and capacity for accomplishment. Applicants evince drive and sustained effort in meaningful activities.</li><li>3. Commitment to values expressed in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.</li></ol>
<b>Campus Deadline</b>	An institutional form is required. Please consult with Jim Hohenbary early in the Fall semester.
<b>Deadline</b>	November 1 <sup>st</sup> in recent years.
<b>Application</b>	Application form. Institutional certification form. 1-2 page resume. Standardized test scores (taken by December after deadline). Transcripts. Three letters of reference (with specific form). Documentation of <i>New American</i> status. Two essays on specific topics (1000 word limit for each).
<b>Contact</b>	Jim Hohenbary is the K-State Soros Representative. He can be reached at 112 Eisenhower or (785) 532-6904.
<b>Other</b>	The website at <a href="http://www.pdsoros.org">www.pdsoros.org</a> is very informative. The Soros is a relatively new award but it is <i>highly</i> competitive. Read the bios for past Fellows. This is a good yardstick for potential applicants.