

FULBRIGHT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

Instructions for Completing the 2023-2024 Fulbright FLTA Program Application

Application: https://apply.iie.org/flta2023

Read all instructions carefully before completing the application.

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General Information

The application is supported by all modern browsers. We highly recommend that you use a current version of <u>Google Chrome</u>, which supports Windows, Mac, and Linux platforms.

Prior to starting an application, please complete the following steps:

Step 1: Learn requirements for submitting an application

Before you begin an application, visit the USIEF website <u>www.usief.org.in</u> to ensure you are eligible to apply. Additional information and a list of participating countries can be found here: https://foreign.fulbrightonline.org/.

Step 2: Record username and password in a safe place

Your email address is your username. When you create an account for this online application, record your password in a secure place. You can log in and out of the application as frequently as you like using your username and password. If necessary, you can reset your password by clicking the "Forgot Your Password" link on the log-in page.

Step 3: Complete the application

You do not need to complete this application at one time. You can re-enter at any time to edit your application. However, once you SUBMIT your application, you CANNOT make changes to it.

To complete your application correctly, please answer all questions completely and carefully. Review these additional tips:

- Use upper and lower-case letters (e.g. John Smith). Avoid using all capital letters (e.g. JOHN SMITH). Do not use special characters, such as accent marks.
- You can copy and paste information into all text boxes.
- Limit your responses to the space provided in all text boxes.
- Prepare required documents and save them in PDF format. It is highly recommended that to preserve any formatting and special characters in your documents, you upload them in PDF format.
- Some questions are "required." They are marked with an asterisk (*). You will not be able to submit your application until all required items are complete.

Step 4: Submit the application

Once you have entered all required information, including recommenders, review your application for errors. If all information is correct, submit your application. Once you submit you CANNOT make changes to your application.

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Creating Your Online Account

- 1. To start, click Create an account.
- 2. Enter your email address, first name, last name, and select your date of birth (Month-Date-Year) from the drop-down menus. Your name must be entered exactly the way it appears (or will appear) on your passport.



Note: Use an email address that you will be able to access for at least two years after submitting your application. This is the email address you will use to log in to your application account. We recommend you do NOT use a work email address if you will not have access to it during your grant in the U.S.

- 3. Click Continue. You will receive an email from apply@iie.org confirming that you have started the application. The email will include a temporary PIN. Follow the instructions in the email to activate your account using the temporary PIN.
- 4. You will be prompted to enter your pin and then create a password to complete login.



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Set Password	
To protect the security of	your account, please specify a new password. The password must meet complexity requirements.
New Password New Password (again)	At least one letter At least one capital letter At least one number Be at least 12 characters New passwords must match
Set Password	

5. Returning users: Click *Log in* and enter your email address and password. If you do not remember your password, click *Forgot your password?* and follow the resulting instructions.

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Managing Your Application

EDITING YOUR APPLICATION PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

- 1. You may log in at any time to review and edit your application form, upload documents, and enter recommender information.
- 2. Remember to save your application after completing each page by pressing the *Continue* button at the bottom of each page.

Note: The application will automatically log you out after 60 minutes of inactivity, so it is best to save your application frequently.

REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION AFTER SUBMISSION

- 1. After you SUBMIT your application, you CANNOT make any changes.
- 2. You may continue to log in to your account to view the information you have submitted, save a PDF of your application form, and manage your recommenders.
- 3. You can manage your recommenders by clicking on the *Recommendations* section of the online application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Letters of recommendation will be submitted online by the application deadline.
- 2. If your recommender is unavailable, you will have the option to exclude the recommender and add an alternative after you submit the application.

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Preliminary Questions

These questions address essential program eligibility. All questions are required.

Preliminary Questions
Through which program country are you applying?*
If you don't see your country listed above, this means there are no current FLTA Opportunities for your country. For more information, please visit https://foreign.fulbrightonline.org/about/fulbright-flta .
To which academic year are you applying?*
Academic year 2023-2024 typically corresponds to initial grant periods between August/September 2023 and May/June 2024; grant dates and grant lengths will vary by program.
Do you hold or are you applying for:*
 U.S. citizenship; or Dual citizenship with the U.S.; or U.S. permanent residency?
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Have you applied for the diversity visa lottery or have a diversity visa lottery application pending? *
Have you reviewed and do you meet all program eligibility requirements for the country through which you are applying?*

- 1. Select the country through which you are applying for the Fulbright grant from the dropdown menu.
- 2. Select the appropriate program year from the dropdown menu.
- 3. U.S. Citizenship, Dual Citizenship with the U.S. or Permanent Residency: select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate your response.
 - a. Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. to participate in the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program. Applicants who select 'Yes' will not be able to view the application.
- 4. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate where you have applied for the diversity visa lottery or have a diversity visa lottery application pending?
 - a. Applicants who select 'Yes' must indicate in the provided text box details regarding their diversity visa lottery application. Applicants should state when the application was submitted, the type of application submitted, the purpose of the application and the application's current status.

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- 5. Select 'Yes', 'No', or 'unsure' to indicate if you are aware and meet all program eligibility requirements.
 - a. Please review the program eligibility requirements for the country through which you are applying before proceeding.
- 6. Carefully review the provided IIE Data Privacy Consent information. Indicate your acceptance of the data privacy terms by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'.
 - a. You will not be able to submit your application without indicating your agreement to the Data Privacy terms.
- 7. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you meet all employment eligibility requirements.
 - a. Applicants or applicants' immediate family cannot have been employed by the stated organizations and/or agencies within the year prior to application.
 - b. If you select 'Yes', please provide details of employment or association.
- 8. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you will waive your right to review the information contained in evaluations submitted by recommenders.
- 9. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Country Information

- 1. Review all information in this section!
- 2. Note any country-specific instructions for completing the rest of the application, including:
 - a. Country Website
 - b. Application Instructions
 - c. Deadline information
 - d. Supporting materials
- 3. Click Continue to proceed to the next section.

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Personal Information

Enter all required biographical information.

- 1. Enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport. Only enter a preferred name if it is DIFFERENT than your legal name (e.g. Alex instead of Alexander).
- 2. If your name is recorded differently on any previous records, list it in the Name on Previous Records section (e.g. maiden name).
- 3. The birthdate that you used to create your account will automatically appear. If you entered this date incorrectly during your account creation, you may correct it now.
- 4. Enter your city of birth and select country of birth, sex (as it appears or will appear on your passport or travel document), preferred gender identity, and marital status from the dropdown menus provided.
- 5. Enter number of dependents. Please review the FLTA Program's policy on J-2 visa sponsorship for dependents: select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate your response.
- 6. Please indicate any limitations you may have that require accommodations. The Fulbright Program complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (the "ADA") and is committed to diversity and inclusion. This information is gathered for statistical purposes and to ensure appropriate accommodation at a prospective host institution.
- 7. Select your country of citizenship and country of residence from the dropdown menus provided. To select indicate additional countries of citizenship, hold down the CTRL (PC) or Command (Mac) button when selecting options.
- 8. If applicable, enter your national identification number and any additional countries in which you hold citizenship.
- 9. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.

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Contact Information

Enter all required contact information.

- 1. Select the country where you live from the dropdown list first when entering your permanent address (i.e., physical address where you live).
 - a. Based on your country selection, the subsequent fields will change to match the address format of that country.
 - b. Complete the remaining address fields. Do not use accents or special characters.
- 2. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if your current mailing address (i.e., the address where you receive mail) is the same as the permanent address you entered above. *They do not have to be the same*.
 - a. If you answer 'no,' then a second address section will appear where you may enter your mailing address information.
 - b. If you answer 'Yes' to this question, proceed immediately to the next question.
- 3. Enter your contact numbers as appropriate. Include the country code. If the field turns red, please review the numbers that you have entered to look for any errors.
 - a. To find the correct country code, click on the blue 'country code' link
- 4. The email address used to create your account will appear in the primary email address field and will not be editable. You may provide an Alternate/Secondary Email that can be used to contact you if Fulbright Program Officers cannot reach you via your primary email address.

Note: All system-generated emails will continue to go to your primary email address.

- 5. Enter your home country emergency contract information. The individual(s) you list may be contacted in the event of an emergency while you are participating in grant activities, including any required travel for interviews in your home country.
- 6. Entering emergency contact information in the United States is not required. If you have emergency contact(s) in the United States at this time, please enter the appropriate information.
- 7. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.

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Academic & Professional Information

This section collects information about your academic and professional background, including your curriculum vitae/resumé, academic degrees, professional experience, awards and recognitions, and experience abroad.

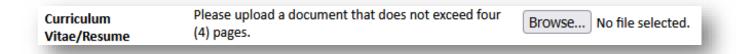
Prepare and upload documents in PDF format as required (*). Note any page limits and ensure your documents do not exceed page limits.

Curriculum Vitae/Resume

1. Upload your recent curriculum vitae/resumé in PDF format that does not exceed four (4) pages.

Note: If your file exceeds 4 pages, an error message will appear on the Review page and will prevent submission of your application.

- a. Click Browse
- b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
- c. Click Open
- d. Click Upload to complete the file upload



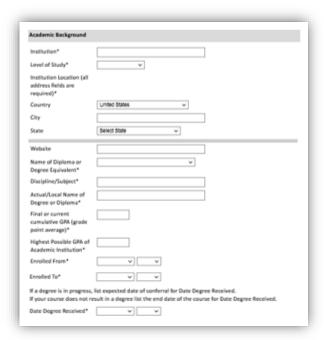
Academic Background

- 2. List all post-secondary (after grade 12) educational institutions you have attended for credit-bearing coursework, in reverse chronological order, including any in which you might be presently enrolled. Do not include any short-term certificate programs. Short-term certificate programs should be noted on your CV/Resume.
 - a. Click Add New Academic Background
 - b. Type in the name of the institution
 - c. Choose the level of study (graduate or undergraduate) from the dropdown menu
 - d. Select the country where the institution is located from the dropdown menu
 - e. Enter the appropriate city and region/state
 - f. Provide the website of the institution (optional)
 - g. Select the U.S. equivalent of the degree or diploma earned (e.g., BA bachelor's degree)
 - h. If relevant, provide the actual name of the degree or diploma (e.g., license)
 - i. Enter the discipline in which this degree or diploma was earned
 - j. Indicate the Actual/Local Name of the Degree or Diploma
 - k. Note your final or current cumulative GPA (grade point average)
 - I. Note the highest possible GPA at the academic institution
 - m. Select the month and year of start and end dates (Month Year format) that

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you attended this institution

- If a degree is in progress, list expected end date of academic program
- n. Select the date (Month-Year format) that you received your degree from this institution
 - If a degree is in progress, list expected date of conferral in this field
- o. Click Save.

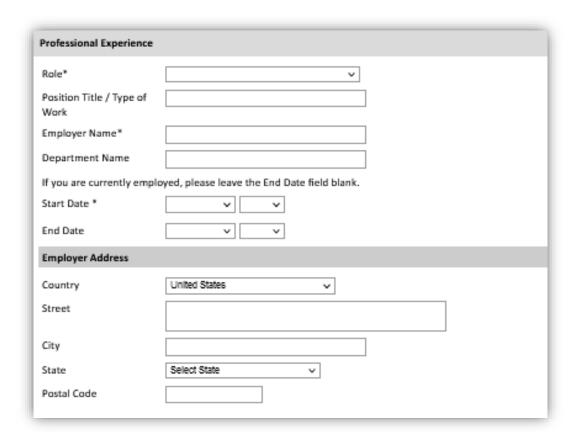


3. To add additional entries for post-secondary educational institutions, click *Add Institution* and follow the bulleted instructions above.

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Professional Experience

- 4. List your current professional affiliation or employer and any relevant previous professional experience by clicking *Add New Professional Experience* under Professional Experience.
 - a. Choose the role which most closely corresponds to your current role and/or relevant previous professional work experience from the drop-down menu
 - b. Enter position title (e.g. Director, Coordinator, etc.) or type of work (e.g. accounting)
 - c. Enter the name of your employer
 - d. Enter the department name if applicable
 - e. Select the start and end dates for the position you entered (Month-Year format). If you are currently employed in this role, leave the End Date fields blank.
 - f. Select the country where your current place of employment is located from the dropdown menu. Enter in the street address, city, state/region, and post code as applicable
 - g. Click Save



5. If you have more than one current position and/or relevant previous professional experience, click *Add Experience* and follow the instructions above.

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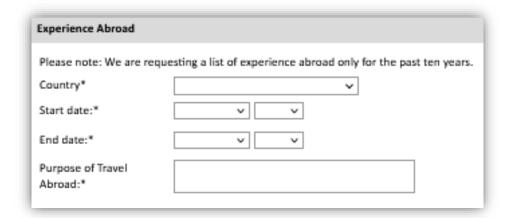
Awards and Recognitions

- 6. Enter a list of the following items into the text boxes provided (all text boxes have a 250-word limit). If you do not have anything to add, leave text boxes blank:
 - a. Any scholarships and/or fellowships you currently or previously received (include the source or sponsor, amount, where held and duration)
 - b. Any academic honors and prizes that you have received in the text box (include any titles and/or dates)
 - c. Any books, articles, and/or thesis published by you, particularly in your proposed field of study (include the title, place, and date of publication)
 - d. Any research you may have conducted or participated in
 - e. Any professional societies, fraternities or other organizations in which you now hold membership or in which you have been active in the past

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Experience Abroad

- 7. List any travel, study or residency you have had abroad (in any country other than your own) for more than one month from the last ten years. This can include time overseas for education, research, business, vacation, etc.
 - a. Click Add New Experience Abroad
 - b. Select the country in which you spent your professional travel and/or residence abroad from the dropdown menu provided
 - c. Select the start and end dates (Month-Year format) of you travel/residency
 - d. Enter the purpose of your travel abroad
 - e. Click Save

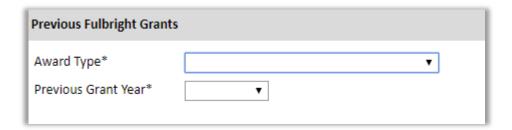


- 8. If you have more than one trip abroad to enter, click *Add New* again, and follow the bulleted instructions until all entries have been saved.
- 9. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you have previously entered the United States on a J-1 or J-2 visa.
 - a. If 'Yes', you are required to select the J category of sponsorship from the list and upload a copy of your previous DS-2019.



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- 10. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you have previously been awarded a Fulbright grant.
 - a. If 'Yes', you are required to list the grant(s):
 - Click Add Previous Fulbright Grant.
 - Select the Fulbright award type from the dropdown menu provided (e.g., Fulbright FLTA, Fulbright Foreign Student, etc.)
 - If you select "Other (please specify)", enter in the name of the Fulbright grant that you received in the "Other, please specify" field
 - Select the academic year that corresponds to the year in which you received the Fulbright grant.
 - Click Save



11. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Academic Materials

This section collects copies of your undergraduate and graduate marksheet and degree certificates if applicable. You should upload marksheets for all the years and not just the final year of your degree. Do not upload grade 12 marksheet.

- 1. Select the corresponding institution from the list.
- 2. Review the institution information (which you provided on the previous page). If this information is incorrect, please return to the previous page to edit.
- 3. Select Browse and locate the desired file on your computer. Click Open.
 - a. You may upload transcripts/diplomas as a multi-page documents or upload single page documents. PDF, JPEG, and TIFF image files are all accepted.
- 4. Click Save. Repeat these steps for all applicable institutions.
- 5. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section

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Language Skills

This section collects information about your native language, English language skills, and any additional languages that are relevant to your project proposal.

1. Select your native language from the dropdown menu provided.

English Language Proficiency

If your native language is not English, a section collecting your English language proficiency will appear.

2. Rate your English language proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate.

Additional Language Skills

- 3. Select the number of additional languages that you would like to include that may be of use for your project or study plans.
- 4. Select the language you are reporting from the dropdown menu and rate your proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate.
- 5. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.

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Standardized Test Scores

This section collects information about standardized test scores that you have taken or will take in the future. Standardized tests include TOEFL, GRE, GMAT and IELTS. TOEFL score is not mandatory at the time of application. If you have taken iBT TOEFL or IELTS in last two years, you can upload the score report.

- 1. Select Add Test
- 2. Select the test type from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Select the test date from the drop-down menu (Month-Day-Year format)
 - a. If you have not yet taken the test, enter the date that you are registered for the test
- 4. Enter your test scores, if you have the results from the test
- 5. Click Save. Repeat these steps for all applicable standardized tests
- 6. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.



Score Reports

- 1. If you enter test scores, you will be directed to the Score Reports section, where you will upload copies of your available score reports
 - a. Click Browse
 - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
 - c. Click Open
 - d. Click Upload to complete the file upload

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FLTA Information

This section collects information specific to the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program.

Language Skills

- 1. Select the language you are apply to teach/assist in the U.S. The FLTA program in India is only offered for Hindi and Urdu languages.
- 2. Rate proficiency in the chosen language using the appropriate dropdown. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate.
- 3. Indicate your Mother Tongue (Native) Language using the dropdown
- 4. Rate your overall level of English Proficiency using the appropriate dropdown. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate.

Preferences

- 5. Using the drop-down menu, select which option you are willing to do in your role as a language assistant on a U.S. university campus.
- 6. Indicate if there is a particular region in the U.S. that you would **most prefer**. If you believe you are adaptable to all regions, please respond 'I would accept any placement'.
- 7. Indicate if there is a college or university type which you would **most prefer**. Select from the dropdown menu as appropriate. If you believe you are adaptable to all institution types, please respond 'I would accept any placement'.
- 8. Select if there are any college or university types which you would **refuse** an offered assistantship. Select from the dropdown menu as appropriate. If you believe you are adaptable to all institution types, please respond 'I would accept any placement'.

Teaching Experience

- 9. Indicate, numerically, the total amount of language teaching experience in years and months that you currently have or previously held. The noted values for years and months should together total to the amount of time you have taught language.
- 10. Please provide a brief overview of your prior language teaching experience:
 - a. Indicate level, class sizes, English and/or native language teaching experience for each position held

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Interests

11. Input your academic and non-academic interests into the appropriate text boxes.

12. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section

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Plagiarism Agreement

- 1. Carefully review the Plagiarism Agreement and indicate your acceptance of the terms by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'. You will be ineligible for the program if any part of your Fulbright application is found to have been plagiarized.
- 2. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Essays and Objectives

This section collects information about your objectives and motivations for applying for the FLTA program. In addition, you will be required to answer questions regarding your teaching methodologies and techniques and how you plan to share your culture in the U.S.

Objectives and Motivations

Please upload a well-structured essay that addresses your background and qualifications for the Fulbright FLTA Program, past experiences that have been formative in your personal development, reasons for applying to the program, and how being an FLTA will assist you in achieving your long term career goals. **Your response should be at minimum 700 words in length.**

- 1. Select Browse and locate the desired file on your computer. Click Open.
 - a. Uploaded objective statements are limited to a maximum of two pages. PDF, JPEC, and TIFF image files are all accepted.
 - b. Click Upload

Teaching Methodologies and Techniques

2. Type a response that focuses on the teaching methodologies and techniques you would like to utilize to teach your language to U.S. students. This brief essay should focus on the language you will be teaching in the U.S. (not English). Mention any innovative approaches you have utilized as a teacher or encountered as a learner that you may employ. This response is expected to be 300-500 words in length.

Sharing your Culture

- 3. Type a response choosing one of the three following scenarios (1. A guest lecture at your host institution 2. An international festival 3. Volunteering at a local youth center) and explain what it means to be a cultural ambassador and how you would share your culture in the chosen scenario using your own unique issues. **This response is expected to be 300-500 words in length.**
- 4. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section

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Additional Information

Country-Specific Materials/Supplemental Materials/Additional Documentation

1. Use this section to upload any relevant additional documentation to strengthen your FLTA application.

Other Grants and Awards

- 1. Use the text box to indicate if there are any other scholarships, fellowships or employment that would supersede your participation in the FLTA program should it be offered.
 - a. If you select 'Yes', please provide further details regarding the noted scholarship, fellowship or employment.

Outreach Survey

- 1. Complete the Outreach Survey.
- 2. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section

Authorization of Release of Information

- 1. Carefully review the Authorization of Release of Information statements
- 2. Type your signature in the provided text box to confirm your authorization of release of information.

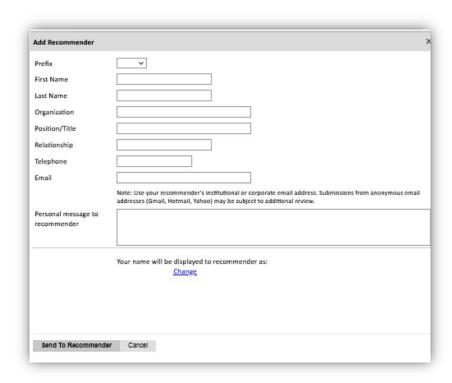
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Recommender Registration

Use this section to register your recommenders.

Once you register your recommenders, they will receive an automatic email with instructions on completing the online recommendation form. You can track the status of recommendations, send reminders, and add/delete recommenders through this system before **and** after submission of your application. Letters of recommendation **must be** submitted online directly by your recommenders. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the recommenders submit the online recommendation by the application deadline.

- 1. Click Add Recommender
- 2. Complete all fields in the pop-up form:
- Click Send to Recommender to generate automatic email to recommender
- 4. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section



5. Once sent, you will have the option to Edit Recommender information if they have not yet started progress on their response and Save, Send Reminders, and Exclude if you wish to remove the recommender and replace with another individual.

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Signature

Review the information provided and certify that the information you provided in the application is true and complete by typing your full legal name in the Signature Box:



Click Confirm to continue to the next page.

Review

The application will review the responses entered and will display any incomplete questions and required attachments that are missing.

- If no errors appear, then your application is ready for submission.
- If any errors appear, correct or complete these sections and return to the Review section to determine if your application is ready for submission.
- Use the *Click Here to Preview Application Proof* to obtain a copy of your submitted application. Please note that the proof is for your records only. You must still submit your application online. Do not send this proof by mail as your application.

REVIEW ALL RESPONSES. CLICK SUBMIT.

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