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Mayor wants state represented in White House Fellows Program

Program has offered leadership opportunities in DC for more than 50 years



Simpsonville, S.C. — After attending a conference at the White House for local leaders, Mayor Janice Curtis is encouraging residents of Simpsonville to apply to the White House Fellows Program.

White House Fellows is a non-partisan program begun in 1964 that offers U.S. citizens “first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal Government,” according to a program overview on www.whitehouse.gov. Chosen fellows have full-time paid positions in Washington, D.C. for one year aiding “top-ranking” government officials, the overview said.

However, South Carolina is currently not represented in the program.

“I was astonished to learn no one from South Carolina is a White House Fellow given all the talent and leadership potential in Simpsonville and across the state,” Mayor Curtis said. “I want to make sure the people of Simpsonville know about the program because I know someone from the City can represent the state well.”



Janice Curtis, Mayor of Simpsonville

The White House Fellows program, which runs August to August, allows fellows to take part in an education program featuring roundtable discussions with “renowned leaders,” according to the program overview.

In addition to work placement and the education program, White House Fellows has a community service component. Fellows will be able to participate in community service projects in D.C. as a way to create greater engagement and understanding between military personnel and civilians.

Qualifications for the program are U.S. citizenship, non-federal government employee and completed undergraduate education, according to the program overview. Applicants are also expected to have a record of “remarkable” professional achievement, evidence of leadership skills, commitment to public service and skills for succeeding in the highest levels of federal government.

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“I encourage those who are service-minded to learn about the program and consider applying,” Mayor Curtis said. “Being a White House Fellow is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

Applications are available on www.whitehouse.gov/participate/fellows in November and due in January.

-Mayor Janice Curtis

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