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FCC TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2026 ATTORNEY HONORS PROGRAM

Application Window Runs from December 18, 2025 – January 30, 2026
Submit Applications via USAJOBS

WASHINGTON, December 18, 2025 – The Federal Communications Commission today announced that it will begin accepting applications from graduating law students, recent law school graduates, and current judicial clerks for its Fall 2026 Attorney Honors Program. The application window opens today, December 18, 2025 and closes on January 30, 2026.

The Attorney Honors Program is the FCC's primary vehicle for hiring entry-level attorneys. Attorneys at the FCC work on cutting-edge legal and policy issues in the communications and technology arenas. Attorneys at the FCC draft decisions in adjudicatory and rulemaking matters, work with internal and external constituencies to resolve complex policy issues before the agency, participate in international negotiations, represent the FCC in dealings with other government agencies, Congress and the private sector, and defend FCC decisions in the federal courts. Additionally, Honors Attorneys benefit from a specialized training and career-development curriculum designed specifically for the program.

Participants selected for the Attorney Honors Program will serve in a two-year employment and training program designed to introduce them to the field of communications law and policy and to provide a wide variety of learning experiences. The FCC encourages law students in their final year of study, recent law students who graduated in the spring or summer of 2025, and current judicial clerks with superior academic credentials who are interested in public service and/or communications law to apply for the Fall 2026 class. Applications must be received by midnight U.S. Eastern Time on January 30, 2026. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Selection for the Attorney Honors Program is highly competitive. During the selection process, the FCC reviews many facets of a candidate's background, including academic achievement, writing skills, law review and/or moot court experience, clinic or extracurricular activities, and interest in government service and/or the communications industry.

For the Fall 2026 application cycle, the FCC will use the FCCJobs web-based recruitment system, which integrates with the Office of Personnel Management's USAJOBS website. Interested persons should apply via USAJOBS to Vacancy Announcement: FCC-HONORSATTY-2026-001. Submission of the following documents is required: a cover letter, resume, official or unofficial law school transcript, writing sample (of not more than 15 pages), and a list of three professional references. Please upload these documents as separate attachments to your online application and ensure that all attachments are titled as follows: "Last Name.First Name-Title." At the time of application, applicants have the option of answering four short, free-response essay questions.

We recommend that you double check to ensure that all required parts of your application have been successfully uploaded in USAJOBS.

For further information, please visit the Attorney Honors Program webpage at www.fcc.gov/attorneyhonorsprogram or direct questions to honors.program@fcc.gov.

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