



Dear prospective Saratoga Fellow,

Thank you for your interest in the John Jay Institute's Saratoga Fellows program! I hope that this letter will give you a better idea of what our program is all about and how you could benefit from being a part of it.

The Saratoga Fellows program is free of charge and includes free housing and a small stipend for meals. If you are not employed by the military or U.S. Coast Guard during your time in the program, your stipend will be slightly bigger. The house has a fully-functioning kitchen which you and your cohorts can use to cook and eat meals together.

Founded in 2005, the John Jay Institute's mission is to prepare principled leaders for faith-informed public service. Already, we have shaped more than 800 talented young leaders through our two flagship programs, the John Jay Fellowship and the Saratoga Fellowship. Both programs equip fellows with a foundational understanding of what constitutes true character and genuine morality in the context of Christian faith, American ideals and institutions, and the rich heritage of Western Civilization, with the goal of developing them into Christian leaders who will make positive contributions to civil society in their professions, families, and communities.

The **Saratoga Fellowship** is a six-week residential fellowship held each summer for junior military officers. The program is comprised of five core components: twice-daily communal prayer; a rigorous academic curriculum; weekly hospitality events; intentional Christian community; and weekly field studies. Together, these components create an intensive, immersive, and ultimately formative experience for each one of our fellows.

Saratoga Fellows are selected through a competitive admissions process from the top military academies and ROTC programs and arrive at the Institute with diverse backgrounds, both spiritually and intellectually, but all profess a belief in Jesus Christ. Together, they explore the abiding questions of existence, personhood, culture, and politics, weaving their diverse backgrounds and interests into a robust and serious examination of these fundamental topics.

The Saratoga Fellows program is designed to prepare junior military officers for exceptional leadership in today's military and civilian ranks. In today's increasingly

complex world, it is vital that our young military officers have a robust understanding of what just and moral warfare looks like, coupled with a strong and unwavering moral fiber in the face of complex ethical situations and time-sensitive decisions. Adept military leadership requires more than simply the rigorous technical skills they hone in training; it requires the continued cultivation of knowledge, wisdom, and judgment anchored in the rich intellectual tradition of Western Civilization.

The curriculum for the Saratoga fellowship is intentionally structured to provide a coherent trajectory for intellectual exploration and development by focusing on the theological and philosophical underpinnings of culture, politics, ethics, and warfare, on the understanding that as officers in the Armed Forces, most of the so-called practical applications of these principles have already been taught and considered by the fellows. The Saratoga fellowship strives to convey to its fellows that genuine, principled leadership requires a deep and enduring understanding of, and respect for, these ideals in addition to a more practical and immediate understanding of what constitutes effective warfare and innovative strategy.

We realize that military schedules can be tight, so while the program normally runs for 6 weeks (all of June and half of July), we can be flexible with the end date of the program to accommodate deployment and work schedules.

You can learn more about the program and download the application at <https://www.johnjayfellows.com/saratoga-fellows>. You will also find a copy of the application in this packet. If you would like to speak with recent graduates of the program, please let us know and we can put you in touch with a few men and women who have completed the program in past years.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider applying for this life-changing program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my assistant, Rachel, at [rschaller@johnjayinstitute.org](mailto:rschaller@johnjayinstitute.org) or 303-549-0192.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Schaller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Schaller".

Greg Schaller, President  
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## **Important Application/Program Dates**

**2022 Saratoga Fellowship:** May 28 through July 9, 2022\*

**Application Deadline:** Applications will be taken until May 20, 2022. Application decisions are made within a week of your application submission.

**Program Info/Application:** <https://www.johnjayfellows.com/saratoga-fellows>

\* If you are interested in attending, but are unable to attend the entire 6 weeks in person due to commissioning/graduation dates or deployment schedules, please email us to discuss options.