



Students and Faculty in the Archives · Brooklyn Historical Society

## Summer Fellowship Application

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**DESCRIPTION** Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) invites applications for the 2012 Students and Faculty in the Archives (SAFA) Summer Fellowship. This in-depth, one-month program in the BHS archives will allow selected students to further develop research and critical thinking skills. All SAFA summer fellows will engage in intensive primary source research in order to complete a scholarly or creative project. Fellows will also have the opportunity to learn more about working in museums and archives.

**FELLOWSHIP PROJECTS** Fellows will select and research a topic of interest using preselected archival materials. Each fellow will work under the guidance of SAFA staff to craft a final project based on that research. Projects can be scholarly or creative, and can take many forms: informative presentations, walking tours, web-based projects, creative writing, performing or visual arts, architectural drawings, or more. Fellows will work on their projects at BHS and at other nearby locations. At the end of the fellowship, all fellows will showcase their projects via a website, a public event, and an installation at BHS.

**ELIGIBILITY** All students who were enrolled in a SAFA course during the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to apply. Twenty students will be selected for the fellowship.

**SCHEDULE & STIPEND** The fellowship will take place at BHS and other nearby locations from **July 23 to August 17, 2012**. Fellows will be expected to spend at least 15 hours per week, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays working on their fellowship projects. All fellows will receive a **\$1,000 stipend**, paid in increments throughout the fellowship.

### TO APPLY

**1. APPLICATION FORM** Complete this application form and save as "[Student Last Name].doc". Attach the form to an e-mail with the subject line: "SAFA Fellowship Application for [Student's First and Last Name]" and send to [safa@brooklynhistory.org](mailto:safa@brooklynhistory.org).

**2. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** The applicant's SAFA professor should e-mail a letter of recommendation directly to BHS at [safa@brooklynhistory.org](mailto:safa@brooklynhistory.org) with the subject line "SAFA Fellowship Recommendation for [Student's First and Last Name]".

**DUE DATE & NOTIFICATION** Recommendations and applications for the Fellowship will be accepted until 5:00 pm on **April 1, 2012**. BHS will notify applicants of its decision via e-mail by **April 15, 2012**.

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## Basic Information

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

In which SAFA course(s) did you visit BHS? (Only one required)

Professor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Application Questions

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**Question 1.** Explain why your experience with Students and Faculty in the Archives (SAFA) makes you want to apply to this fellowship. Give specific examples. (200 – 300 words)

**SUMMER 2012 ARCHIVAL MATERIALS** This year's SAFA Fellows will work with the Gabriel Furman papers. This collection consists of over thirteen journals written by an early Brooklynite between 1816 and 1854.

The journals cover such diverse topics as:

- politics
- commerce & economics
- agriculture & food
- gender & marriage
- health and disease
- Native Americans
- religion
- race & ethnicity
- architecture
- urban development
- Brooklyn neighborhoods
- art & culture

To learn more about the Furman papers, see <http://brooklynhistory.org/library/wp/gabriel-furman-papers/>

**Question 2.** Please describe how one or more of the topics above appeal to you as a researcher. Be specific about how these topics relate to your academic, professional, or personal interests. (300 – 500 words)

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**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**  Completed Application Form  Letter of Recommendation

All applications and recommendations are due by 5:00 pm on APRIL 1, 2012 to [safa@brooklynhistory.org](mailto:safa@brooklynhistory.org)