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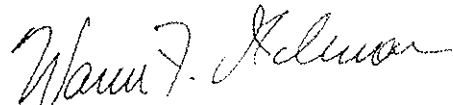
Dear Dr. Cigarroa:

With this letter and newsletter, I would like to re-acquaint you with The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans. The Soros Fellowships for New Americans support thirty individuals a year for up to two years of graduate study in any subject anywhere in the United States. Students already in graduate study are eligible, though not past their second year. The Fellowship provides \$20,000 maintenance and half tuition (up to a maximum of \$16,000 per academic year) wherever the Fellow attends. Candidates must be either holders of Green Cards, naturalized citizens, or children of two naturalized citizen parents. The deadline is NOVEMBER 1, 2009 and the announcement of the recipients will be in February.

It is a very competitive fellowship; our twelfth round had almost 750 applications from 360 colleges and universities. Eighty-four were interviewed by a selection panel composed of distinguished New Americans. This is the thirteenth round. In the biographies of the finalists in the attached newsletter, you can get a sense of our standard. We aspire to the standards set by the Rhodes and the Marshalls.

I would be grateful if you would put this newsletter in the hands of a possible candidate.

Sincerely yours,



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