

MARK ORR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Students from local colleges and universities are selected for membership by the institutions themselves. Selected students are contacted prior to our first meeting of the fall, typically scheduled in mid to late September. At this meeting (or whichever meeting the student first attends), the student member will be recognized and asked to say a word or two about their interest in international matters.

To satisfy the requirements of this Fellowship and receive a Fellowship Certificate, the student will be obliged to attend three of our nine meetings held during the year (monthly from September through May). As described below, the Committee sponsors a writing competition providing one of the Foreign Affairs Fellows with an expenses-paid trip to the Annual Meeting of the American Committees on Foreign Relations, held in Washington, D.C. in early May. The written piece will be a 1,000 word commentary on the remarks of a speaker of the student's choice, judged by Paul Tash, Editor and President of the St. Petersburg Times. Funding for this project has been provided by matching gifts from Committee members Dr. Phil Adler, and Judge Jack St. Arnold.

Our typical meetings (at the University Club in downtown Tampa) are "members only" with 50-70 attendees providing intimate Q&A opportunities with the speaker. Student Committee dues are paid by the Fellowship program, which was founded and funded by Dr. Mark Orr. The cost for meals is \$30; due to space limitations, advance reservations are required.