

Attorney General Fellowship Program

Applications Accepted August 11, 2025 - October 3, 2025

Program Details

The Office of the New York State Attorney General (OAG) is recruiting applicants for the 2026 Attorney General Fellowship Program. The following are some program highlights:

- This is a two (2) year program for six (6) law school graduates.
- Placements begin in September 2026 and conclude in August 2028.
- Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in working as a public service attorney.
- Fellows work as junior attorneys and receive training and mentorship.
- Fellows work to protect the rights and interests of the state and people of New York.
- Fellows gain hands-on legal experience by working on investigations, affirmative and defensive litigation, public education, and community outreach projects.

For 2026, we are offering one (1) placement in each of the following bureaus.

Placements in New York City

Executive Division | The Executive Division handles complex investigations and civil enforcement actions to end and remediate practices that harm the public, including matters that relate to the opioid crisis and firearms. This team also leads affirmative challenges to federal agency action, relying upon the Administrative Procedure Act, constitutional claims, and other relevant law, to protect New York's interests. Litigation matters frequently present complex questions of constitutional law and statutory and regulatory interpretation and generally have significant policy and financial implications for the state. Location is New York, NY

Litigation Bureau | The Litigation Bureau represents the state, its officers, and its agencies in state and federal courts in actions involving almost every substantive area of the law. Litigation protects the public interest by defending constitutional challenges to state statutes, regulations, policies, and practices and by bringing actions to enforce state laws and regulations. Location is New York, NY

Protect Our Homes Initiative (POHI) | The POHI is an interdisciplinary team with expertise in criminal and civil enforcement that seeks to preserve ownership by protecting New York homeowners from fraud and scams. The POHI team develops strategies to combat deed theft and other real estate scams targeting vulnerable homeowners; reviews complaints and commences civil enforcement actions; analyzes and collaborates on policy proposals, legislation, and amicus briefs; liaises with federal and state agencies, local governments, and nonprofits; and draft policy papers and other documents for publication. Location is New York, NY

Placements in Other Locations

Rochester Regional Office (RO) | The RO helps to carry out essential defensive, regulatory, and affirmative justice functions. Each RO is deeply engaged in local community affairs; conducting outreach and educational presentations; and responding to New Yorkers' complaints in critical areas such as elder abuse, consumer fraud, tenants' rights, immigration services fraud, election fraud, and not-for-profit corporations. Location is Rochester, NY

Sex Offender Management Bureau (SOMB) | The SOMB was created to represent the state in all Mental Hygiene Law Article 10 litigation. Cases in SOMB frequently present questions of the Mental Hygiene Law, criminal law, constitutional law, agency law, and statutory interpretation. The SOMB also works in concert with the Article 10 partners to develop statewide protocols to further the goals of Article 10 in ensuring public safety. Location is Albany, NY

Suffolk Regional Office (RO) | The RO helps to carry out essential defensive, regulatory, and affirmative justice functions. Each RO is deeply engaged in local community affairs; conducting outreach and educational presentations; and responding to New Yorkers' complaints in critical areas such as elder abuse, consumer fraud, tenants' rights, immigration services fraud, election fraud, and not-for-profit corporations. **Location is Hauppauge, NY (Long Island)**

The AG Fellowship Team reserves the right to make placement assignments based on the needs of OAG. Placement assignments will take into the account Fellows' stated location preferences. The OAG is unable to provide funding to cover moving or relocation costs. Visit the <u>About the Office</u> and <u>News & Media</u> sections of OAG's public website to learn more.

Fellows receive a salary and benefits.

- The annual salary is \$83,594 plus location pay where applicable (New York City and Suffolk: \$4,000).
- Benefits include the following:
 - Health, dental, and vision insurance
 - Retirement programs
 - Workplace flexibility programs and other family-friendly policies
- A commitment to complete the two (2) year Fellowship term is a condition of employment.
- To learn more about the AG Fellowship Program, please click here.

Fellowship Applicants

The OAG is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to a workplace that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

Eligibility for the 2026 AG Fellowship Program, includes the We are seeking a diverse pool of applicants, including the following: following: • Law students who are graduating from their JD program · Critical and creative thinkers. during the academic year 2025-26. Strong legal writing, analytical, and organizational skills. Admission to the New York State Bar within the Fellow's • Demonstrated commitment to public service and social, first year is a condition of continued employment. economic, and criminal justice. Therefore, Fellows must be registered to complete the • Fluency in other languages is a plus but not required. following exams/courses: Applicants who are members of groups - Take the Unified Bar Exam (UBE) offered in either February underrepresented in attorney roles, which include but are 2026 or July 2026. not limited to Black, Latinx/Latine, Indigenous American, - Take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination Asian and Pacific Islander persons, women, persons with (MPRE) offered in either March 2026 or August 2026. disabilities, and LGBTQIA+ persons are particularly - To register for the New York Law Exam (NYLE), you must encouraged to apply. complete all segments of the New York Law Course (NYLC) at least 30 days before the date of the next NYLE. - Take the NYLE at one of the times offered in 2025 or by September 2026 at the latest. - See the NYS BOLE website for more information. - The OAG is unable to provide funding to cover bar preparation costs or test fees.

Applicants must reside in (or intend to soon become a resident of) New York state. The Public Officers Law requires OAG attorneys be citizens of the United States. To learn more about the AG Fellowship Program eligibility, please click here.

Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The OAG is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to workplace diversity.

How to Apply

Submit your application for the AG Fellowship Program online before close of business on October 3, 2025. Before submitting your application documents, please read the instructions provided here: ag.ny.gov/AGFellowship.

Applications for the AG Fellowship Program consist of the following four (4) documents. Please click on the document name to learn more:*

- 1) A current <u>resume</u>;
- 2) A <u>cover letter</u>;
 - Applicants need to respond to specific prompts in their cover letter.
 - Please visit <u>ag.ny.gov/AGFellowship</u> to review these instructions.
- 3) A legal writing sample; and a
- 4) A list of three (3) professional or academic references.

* **Do not** include a copy of your transcript.

Your documents should reflect your own thoughts/work product in text that was written by you. Do not use artificial intelligence (AI) to generate application documents.

To submit your application online, please click on the following link: AG FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2026-28

Please note: Once submitted, you will not be able to access or edit your application. Submitting an incomplete application may prevent or delay consideration. If you have questions about the AG Fellowship Program or need assistance with submitting your application, please contact <u>AGFellowship@ag.nv.gov</u> or 212-416-8080.