Q. Who is eligible to request a Defense Legislative Fellow?

A. Any Member who serves on one of the Following Committees is eligible to request a Defense Legislative Fellow:

Senate or House Armed Service Committee

Senate or House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee

Senate or House MILCON/VA Subcommittee

Senate or House Veterans Affairs Committee

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

House Homeland Security Committee

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

House Foreign Affairs Committee

Q. When should I request a Fellow for the coming year?

A. Each year, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs sends a letter to each member of an eligible Committee announcing the following year's program and inviting the Member to submit a request for a Fellow in writing. Those requests typically are sent out in July or August, with a response requested by mid-September.

Q. What if I do not receive a letter announcing the program but I sit on an eligible Committee?

A. Regardless of receiving an announcement letter, you are still eligible to request a Fellow if you sit on one of the Committees noted and can send a request to the OSD/LA.

Q. Who should I contact if I would like a Fellow?

A. The Senate and House Directors of OSD/LA are good points of contact, as well as the OSD/LA office, at (703) 697-6210.

Q. How does the Department determine which office will receive a Fellow?

A. The needs of the requesting Members are compared with the Fellows available, and the needs of each Military Service, and the best matches possible are made. In most years, there are more requests received than there are Fellows eligible. The Department strives for equity and balance when assigning a Fellow to an office.