

INFORMATION MEETINGS SET FOR 2008 BUSH LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

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Saint Paul, Minn. (July 13, 2007)—Regional information meetings for the Bush Foundation's 2008 Leadership Fellows Program will begin Aug. 2 in Rochester, Minn. at the Rochester Public Library. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Other meetings include:

Bismarck, N.D., Aug. 7, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library
Bemidji, Minn., Aug. 9, Bemidji State University, Hobson Memorial Student Union,
Crying Wolf Room
Duluth, Minn., Aug. 13, The Depot, Board Room
Rapid City, S.D., Aug. 14, The Dahl Fine Arts Center
Sioux Falls, S.D., Aug. 16, Old Courthouse Museum, Law Library
Fargo, N.D., Aug. 16, Radisson Hotel, Loft Room
Dickinson, N.D., Aug. 21, Dickinson State University, Student Center 112
Saint Paul, Minn., Sept. 5, Minnesota Humanities Commission Education Center
Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 6, Plymouth Congregational Church

For more information about the meetings and the Bush Leadership Fellows Program, visit the Bush Foundation website at www.bushfound.org.

Potential applicants are welcome to attend a meeting to learn more about the program and to ask questions. Application materials can be downloaded from the Bush Foundation's website. Applicants must have lived or worked for at least a year immediately prior to the application deadline in Minnesota, North Dakota or South Dakota. They must be at least 28 years old and U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The deadline for 2008 applications is October 12, 2007; check www.bushfound.org for selection criteria.

The Bush Leadership Fellows Program provides financial support for additional education or self-designed study for individuals at mid-career who want to prepare themselves for greater leadership responsibilities within their communities and professions. Since 1975, the Foundation has selected about 25 Leadership Fellows per year from roughly 200 applicants. The program is dedicated to the development of leadership skills in people with high potential and was initiated by one of the original executives of the 3M Corporation, Archibald G. Bush, who in 1953 created the **Bush Foundation** with his wife, Edyth. It is a private grantmaking organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life in our region by strengthening organizational, community and individual leadership.

The Foundation supports arts and culture, health and human services, education, ecological health, and individual fellowships in arts, medicine and leadership in a region that includes Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.