Overview:
Mortar Board, Inc., is a national honor society that recognizes students for their achievements in scholarship, leadership and service, provides opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community.

The University of South Carolina Mortar Board Chapter is pleased to announce its available fellowships for the 2012-2013 academic year.

To qualify, students must meet the following criteria:
- Current USC graduate student who will be enrolled in Fall 2012 or current undergraduate intending to enroll in USC Graduate School in Fall 2012
- Attended USC for undergraduate studies
- Exemplify the Mortar Board ideals of scholarship, leadership and service
- All applicants must have a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA

The fellowships may only be applied to graduate study at the University of South Carolina. The recipients will be eligible to hold a graduate assistantship or other financial award in addition to the fellowship. Financial need will only be a criterion when candidates are equally qualified.

Submission Guidelines:
Your application packet should include the following:
1. Mortar Board Fellowship Application.
2. A two-page easy describing your personal and professional goals. This may include information such as your reasons for pursuing a graduate or professional degree, your community service activities, employment experience and accomplishments not otherwise noted on this application.
3. A list of scholastic honors, awards and extracurricular activities (campus & community) and offices held.
4. Two letters of recommendation to support your application. One letter must be from a graduate faculty from your current or intended graduate program.
5. A two-page essay response to ONE of the following:
   a. Mortar Board emphasizes service to the community. Write an essay in which you describe your most important community service and volunteer experiences in college and how they have contributed to your personal growth.
   b. Each year Mortar Board recognizes professors who have exhibited “Excellence in Teaching.” Write an essay in which you describe what “Excellence in Teaching” means to you and the ways a professor has contributed to your University experience.
6. OPTIONAL: Briefly describe how you will finance graduate studies. (This will be a criterion only when candidates are equally qualified.)
Mortar Board Fellowships
For Graduate and Professional Studies

Deadline: Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 5:00 pm
** Turn in to the Office of Student Government, Russell House 227**
Mailbox #: SG 069

NAME __________________________________________ SS# ___________________________

LOCAL ADDRESS ______________________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS ______________________________________________________________

PHONE # ____________________ CELL PHONE # _____________________________

Undergraduate Degree(s) earned or expected from USC

DEGREE NAME_________________________ DATE______ MAJOR________________

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Current or Intended Graduate Program and Term Admitted or Applied For

PROGRAM_________________________ DEGREE__________ TERM_______________

I hereby acknowledge that I meet the following criteria:
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I VERIFY THAT THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND I GIVE
MORTAR BOARD PERMISSION TO CHECK ITS VALIDITY.

Signature___________________________________________ Date_______________________

**If you have any questions or concerns please contact Nicki Priester at Priesten@email.sc.edu**