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2014 Marie and Robert Jackson Fellows

What Can A Federal Senator Do?

Sorry! Separation of power limits the Senator from helping!

Yes! A caseworker will get back to you as soon as possible!

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Hopefully! A
caseworker will reach
out and gather further
details soon!

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Yes! Our Naval
Officer will get back
to you as soon as
possible!

Sorry! Separation of power limits the Senator from helping!

Possibly! The office will need proof the friend intends on returning home!

Sounds like a state issue! Contact your state representative!



Intern Responsibilities

- Open constituent casework through phone and mail contacts
- Aid staff members with constituent casework
- Assist in problem resolution with constituents
- Take minutes during meetings with outside organizations
- Staff meetings with the Senator and outside organizations
- Create briefing memos for staff member's meetings
- Aid staff members with research projects
- Research and present to office on the passing of the
 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Working for All Minnesotans



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Experience Gained through Fellowship

- Professionalism
- Formal communication
- Business writing experience
- Civic engagement importance
- Government structure insights
- Understanding of relationship between Government and non-profit organizations
- Personal interests and goals
- Future career path insights