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"The LSC [fellowship] program gave me an excellent opportunity to do what I always wanted to do . . . work in government. My [fellowship] was a great year which led to 14 years of working in the Ohio legislature."

-Robert A. Clegg



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"Networking opportunities, experience in government process and policy, and exposure to public service careers, that's how I benefitted from the LSC [fellowship] program."

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“The LSC [fellowship] program was my foot in the door of state government.”

- John Florian



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“There is no better program for learning the ropes of state government. The LSC [fellowship] provided me with a well-rounded foundation for further public service. I highly recommend the LSC [fellowship] to anyone with a sincere interest in state government.”

-Sam Gerhardstein



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“My LSC [fellowship] was my first job after grad school. It gave me good experience in writing for different types of audiences, researching, and working with other professionals. I got a chance to meet and work with some bright, talented people, so it was a very positive experience for me.”

-Brian L. Pendleton

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“The primary benefits of the LSC [fellowship] program were gaining an understanding of how state government functions and meeting so many bright and talented people. Another benefit was learning to juggle a number of legislators’ assignments simultaneously. The LSC [fellowship] was a great preparation for a lifetime of service to others.”

-Mary Beth Merklin



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