Make excellence a habit. An application process is an opportunity to learn and grow, to reflect on who you are and the work you seek to do, and to receive feedback and insight about how to realize your goals and dreams.

**1. RESEARCH**
- Learn about the fellowship, our history, our success, and our students.
- Get a feel for our personality and presence on social media.
- Learn about our values and make sure they resonate with yours.

**2. APPLY**
- Draft and proofread your essays offline before submitting; check spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
- Be specific with your essays; ground your beliefs in anecdotes.
- Make sure your transcripts are accurate.

**3. COMMUNICATE PROFESSIONALLY**
- Respond to all emails within 24 hours.
- Write down your interview time.
- Notify your references about your application so they are ready to respond on your behalf.

**4. PREPARE FOR YOUR INTERVIEW**
- Dress professionally.
- Find a quiet space with reliable WiFi.
- Test your device, including your webcam.
- Prepare questions and note-taking materials.

**5. FOLLOW UP**
- Send thank-you email after the interview and use the note to reiterate reasons you’re excited about the fellowship and what you’ll bring to the team.
- Proofread your note before sending.

**6. RESPOND**
- If you’re offered a fellowship, you’ll have 48 hours to accept. Discuss your decision with family and friends (and Generation Teach!) as necessary. Be punctual (or early!).
- If you’re wait-listed, don’t give up! Find out how you can improve your application.