

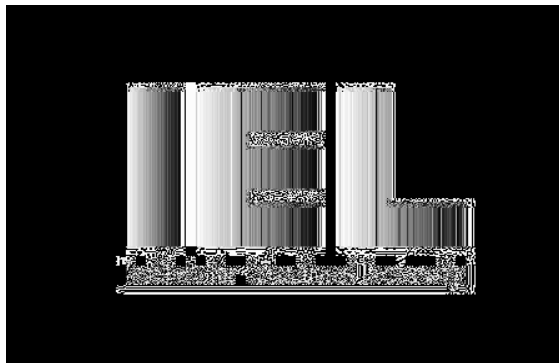


West Virginia Education Policy Fellowship Program

2008-2009 APPLICATION

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WEST VIRGINIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

2008-2009 APPLICATION

We are pleased you are considering the West Virginia Education Policy Fellowship Program (WV-EPFP). WV-EPFP is a ten-month professional development program for individuals whose work record reflects strong leadership abilities or potential and a concern for improving the life chances of children and youth. Participants in WV-EPFP hold full-time positions in diverse organizations at the local, state and national levels. Fellows are supported by their employing agencies.

THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows remain in their full-time positions and use their work environment as the context for examining important leadership and policy issues in their states and in the nation. WV-EPFP activities are directed by on-site Coordinators.

WV-EPFP brings Fellows and ideas together through a variety of on-site learning opportunities (such as seminars, informal discussions, site visits, skill development workshops, and individual or group projects), through electronic networking and information sharing, and through participation in two national conferences during the Fellowship year that bring together Fellows from all program sites. The **Leadership Forum** heightens Fellows' understanding of leadership challenges and of themselves as leaders. The **Washington Policy Seminar** increases Fellows' knowledge of national policy issues and processes and gives them a chance to explore the impact of national policy on their work.

Participation in WV-EPFP yields key results. The program stands on three legs of leadership, policy, and networking that provide Fellows with a unique personal development laboratory for applying new insights and for practicing new skills. Fellows have opportunities to:

- (1) develop a broadened understanding of the policy process;
- (2) hone their communications and decision-making skills;
- (3) refine their potential for leadership; and
- (4) expand their network of professional colleagues.

As a result, employing agencies are rewarded with better informed and more skillful employees.

PROGRAM FEES AND EMPLOYER SPONSORSHIP

Nationally, each person's employing agency—the sponsor—pays the base program fee of \$2,500, travel costs to the two national meetings, any special site-specific programming fees, and release time for on-site and national activities. Through a generous grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, the first 18 accepted West Virginia Fellows will receive \$1,000 in program fee support. This decreases each sponsor's contribution to \$1500. The Benedum grant also provides \$1450 of support for travel to the two national conferences for each of the first 18 accepted Fellows.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

WV-EPFP invites your application if you have:

- a commitment to personal and professional development on behalf of children and youth
- a track record for making things happen—inside and across agencies/organizations
- substantive work experiences
- a bachelor's degree or its equivalent
- a full-time professional position
- the endorsement and financial support of your employing organization

WV-EPFP requires participation in on-site training activities which are generally, but not always, held at the conclusion of the normal work day. In addition, Fellows are expected to attend the two national conferences. Please consider these extra demands on your time in light of your current professional and personal schedule. If you cannot participate fully in WV-EPFP, please do not complete the application.

2008-2009 APPLICATION AND SELECTION SCHEDULE

JUNE – SEPTEMBER Fellow recruitment, application and selection process

OCTOBER 2008 Fellowship program begins

EPFP schedules vary from site to site. In West Virginia, the program will include 10 dinner seminars that are mostly based in Charleston, WV from October 2008 to May 2009. Please contact the West Virginia EPFP Coordinator to obtain site-specific programming and scheduling information:

Dr. Craig S. McClellan, Director
The Center for Education in Appalachia
(304) 367-4824
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APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The following application can be completed using Microsoft Word. Please print and mail the completed application and payment to:

The Center for Education in Appalachia
Education Building 352
1201 Locust Avenue
Fairmont, WV 26554
ATTN: Louella Rennie

Checks for the program fee should be made payable to "Fairmont State." Please e-mail state coordinator Craig McClellan at cmcclellan@fairmontstate.edu when your application has been mailed.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

NAME(last, first, middle, nickname)
PROFESSIONAL TITLE
DIVISION/DEPARTMENT
ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION
ADDRESS line 1
ADDRESS line 2
ADDRESS line 3
OFFICE PHONE (area code + number)
OFFICE FAX (area code + number)
E-MAIL ADDRESS that we should use in contacting you (this should be an address you check often)
HOME ADDRESS (street, city, state, zip)
HOME PHONE (area code + number)
CELL PHONE (area code + number)

EDUCATION (Please cite most recent institution first)

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	CITY, STATE	MAJOR FIELD	DEGREE	DATE

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

RACE/ETHNICITY & SEX
HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT WV-EPFP?

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (Please list current position first) You may substitute your resume for this section

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WV-EPFP OUTCOMES

Please provide narrative responses to the following questions focused on the personal and professional outcomes of EPFP. *(Please do not exceed 1 total page)*

1. What does your organization do? Whom do you serve?
2. To enhance your capacity as a leader, what are your three learning priorities?
3. How would your participation in EPFP benefit your organization?

**WEST VIRGINIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION 2008-2009 PROGRAM YEAR**

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND MAILED WITH THE APPLICATION

ENDORSEMENT: TO THE SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYING AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

West Virginia Policy Fellows generally participate in 10 dinner seminars from October 2008 to May 2009. IEL sponsors two national meetings for fellows across all sites that must also be attended. The **Leadership Forum** in Phoenix, AZ heightens Fellows' understanding of leadership challenges and of themselves as leaders. The **Washington Policy Seminar** increases Fellows' knowledge of national policy issues and processes and gives them a chance to explore the impact of national policy on their work. The WV-EPFP program tuition (\$2500) and travel-related costs to the national meetings are paid by the employing agency, sponsor or the Fellow. Through a grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, the first 18 accepted Fellows receive \$1,000 of the program tuition and \$1,450 for travel to the national conferences. Your signature ensures (1) payment of the appropriate program related costs and (2) your employee's release time for full participation in the program. If you have any questions, please contact Craig McClellan, the EPFP Coordinator in West Virginia at (304) 367-4824 or the EPFP national office at the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC at (202) 822-8405 x155 or x135.

Name of Applicant (PRINT)

Applicant's Signature

Supervisor's/Sponsor's Name (PRINT)

Supervisor's/Sponsor's Signature

Supervisor's Title _____

Supervisor's Division/Department _____

Supervisor's Organization/Institution _____

Supervisor's Office Address _____

Supervisor's Office Phone _____

Supervisor's Office Fax _____

Supervisor's E-mail Address _____

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THE INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization established in 1964.

OUR VISION:

IEL envisions a society
that uses its resources effectively
to achieve better futures for *all* children and youth.

OUR BELIEFS:

- All children and youth have as a birthright the opportunity and support needed to grow, learn and become contributing members of our democratic society.
- Quality education is a responsibility shared by school systems, families, communities, businesses and governments.
- Strategic alliances and partnerships are essential to achieve measurable and sustainable results for all children and youth.
- Culturally competent leaders are vital to empowering organizations to address the needs of a diverse society.
- Leadership and leadership development are critical tools to ensure that all children and youth can take advantage of their birthright.

OUR CHALLENGE:

Our national task is obvious.
We must increase student achievement
and prepare young people to meet the challenges of the 21st century.
The future quality of American life is at stake.

OUR MISSION:

IEL's mission is to build the capacity
of individuals and organizations in education
and related fields to work together—
across policies, programs and sectors.

Through EPFP, IEL seeks to develop, support and
sustain broad-based, multi-cultural leadership
to achieve better results for children and youth.

*To obtain a list of publications or more information on IEL's programs
and other areas of work, please contact IEL.*

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