

**DC-EPFP FELLOWS SHARE
HOW THEIR PROGRAM
EXPERIENCE BENEFITS
THEM....**

"I have been so impressed by the other DC EPFP Fellows and have found the networking component to be a huge strength of the program. Not only has this allowed for rich discussion during our class conversations, it also has positively impacted my work as I now have connections within a myriad of organizations throughout DC. This has already been extremely beneficial and I imagine will continue to be long after I graduate from the program." *M Miller, Alliance for Excellent Education, DC-EPFP 2009*

"EPFP is not only a well-organized program that dives into the pertinent issues facing education policy, it's also a wonderful way to build a network of supportive colleagues! The time spent at the Washington Policy Seminar is particularly relevant for DC-EPFP Fellows because many of us do not work on-the-ground in education. Hearing what issues others are facing broadens our own ability to understand the full spectrum of education—from policy to practice." *Celia Alicata, Collaborative Communications Group, DC-EPFP 2009*



EPFP FELLOWS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Develop a broadened understanding of the policy process within the multi-faceted context of education and related issues
- Hone communication and advocacy skills
- Strengthen their potential for leadership
- Expand their network of professional colleagues

PROGRAM YEAR AT A GLANCE

*Welcome Reception
Opening Retreat
Annapolis Study Tour
Washington Policy Seminar
Bi-Weekly Seminars
Executive Development Program
Graduation Ceremony*

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TO APPLY:

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www.iel.org/epfp/assets/documents/applications/state/dc_epfp_application.doc

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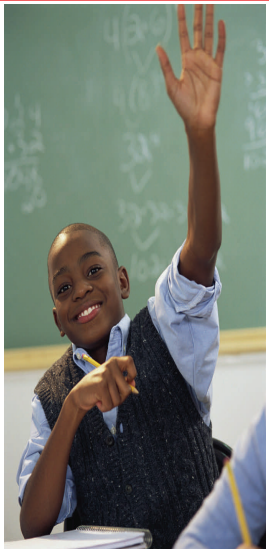
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Program**



Preparing Leaders Since 1964...

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The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a professional development program that provides potential leaders with the knowledge and networks to impact core issues of education policy. EPFP is a critical resource for individuals, organizations and the nation to increase understanding of the linkages between education policy and practice. Ultimately, EPFP seeks to improve the chances of children and youth to succeed. Fellows commit nine months and concentrate on three program strands: public policy, leadership and professional networking. Fellows remain in their full-time positions and use their work environment as the context for examining important leadership and policy issues in the DC metro area. The program provides Fellows with a unique personal development laboratory for applying new insights and for cultivating new skills. Participants discuss education policy with some of the most respected policy makers in the nation. At the end of the year, Fellows will be better informed, more skillful advocates for sound public policy.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO APPLY TO BECOME AN EPFP FELLOW IF YOU HAVE:

- A passion for education policy and a desire to improve opportunities for children;
- A track record for making things happen both inside and across agencies and organizations;
- A commitment to personal and professional development;
- A full-time, professional position with substantive work experience;
- A Bachelor's degree or its equivalent; and
- The endorsement and financial support of your employing organization.

What is my commitment if I am accepted as an EPFP Fellow?

- Participate in all activities over the nine-month program year, including the Welcome Reception, Opening Retreat, bi-weekly seminars, and graduation ceremony.
- Attend the Washington Policy Seminar and Annapolis Study Tour, which focus on leadership issues and state- and national-level policy.
- Participate in the Executive Development Program assessment and other leadership-building activities to better understand your existing skills and potential for professional growth.
- Share your experience and knowledge with other Fellows through inquiry, discussions, and presentations.
- Conduct independent study and research by reading materials in advance, preparing questions, and completing a project related to issues explored in the program.



DC-EPFP Class of 2009

HOW WILL MY ORGANIZATION BENEFIT FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN EPFP?

Employers gain:

- Access to a professional program endorsed by a premier policy and leadership institution
- Better informed, more skillful staff who understand policy-making and the interconnections of education with other sectors
- Staff who are prepared to assume greater leadership responsibilities
- Staff who are aware of their personal leadership preferences and are developing leadership skills through personalized feedback from the Executive Development Program
- Staff who are more equipped to make dynamic, research-based contributions to education policy and practice
- Expanded professional networks that enhance the organization's ability to access key leaders and decision-makers who shape policy on behalf of children and youth

What is my employer's commitment in supporting my participation?

- Allow release time from work for participation in EPFP activities
- Assign a sponsor to keep informed about your experience in the program
- Pay the \$2500 tuition fee and all program-related expenses

What is my commitment if I am bearing the financial responsibility for my participation in EPFP?

- Inform your employer of the time you need to participate in EPFP activities
- Pay the tuition fee \$2500 and all program-related expenses