

PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

2016-2017 APPLICATION FORM



- Pennsylvania's Premier Education Policy Leadership Program
- Nearly 500 graduates: 1999 to 2016
- 2016-2017 EPFP Begins in September

EPFP Fellows:

- develop a broadened understanding of the public policy process and the various aspects of education policy;
- enhance their communication and decision making skills;
- strengthen their capacity for leadership; and
- expand their network of professional colleagues.

Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program

The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a professional development program for individuals whose work record reflects strong leadership abilities and a concern for issues important to children and education.

Participants in the Fellowship Program hold full-time positions in diverse organizations at the local, state, and national levels.

The program is available in Pennsylvania through The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC). The nationally recognized EPFP was established more than 50 years ago by the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington, DC. IEL continues to support the program through its network of state affiliates.

How is the EPFP different from other professional development programs?

EPFP is supported by a national and state network of resource people and peers who have a track record of accomplishment in research, policy development, and effective practice in education, child development, and human services.

In addition, a unique partnership with the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania provides EPFP Fellows with training in strategic leadership concepts.

The EPFP provides a comprehensive approach to knowledge and skill-building with a two-day opening retreat, nine full-day seminars in Harrisburg, one regional leadership forum, and one national policy seminar during a ten-month period.

The Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program is sponsored by:

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For more information and to request additional applications, please call (717) 260-9900 or e-mail Mattie Robinson at robinson@eplc.org.

Enrollment is limited. Please apply early.



EPFP Class of 2015-2016

Please visit the EPLC web site, eplc.org, for the full list of nearly 500 Pennsylvania EPFP Fellows, 1999 to 2016.

This program has been extremely valuable to me as a practitioner and has provided me with a network of professionals beyond the scope of K-12 public education. The emphasis on political advocacy will be something I absolutely will carry forward and apply in my role as an administrator.

Alan Hack, Ed.D. (EPFP 2015-2016)
Assistant Principal, Warrior Run Middle School

This program has been invaluable in my growth as an educational leader. It has pushed me beyond my comfort zone, helped me hone skills for successful advocacy, and enabled me to strengthen my network. The EPFP has energized me and provided insight to ignite change.

Dr. Michelle Saylor (EPFP 2014-2015)
Assistant Superintendent, Bellefonte Area School District

It has been a privilege to participate in the Fellowship Program this year. The experience can best be described as enlightening! The cohort has helped me to gain a greater understanding of specific policies, legislation and factors that impact education and our schools today.

Malinda McKillip (EPFP 2015-2016)
Elementary Principal, Owen J. Roberts School District

As a school board member, it was very enlightening to participate in the program. Hearing and sharing experiences with education professionals gave me a deeper understanding of the education system. The Fellowship Program is a very worthwhile experience.

Chad M. Salsman (EPFP 2014-2015)
School Board President, Wyalusing Area School District

This has been one of the best professional development experiences of my career. All of the topics were interesting and timely. Also, the opportunity to interact with education professionals from different areas and backgrounds was invaluable. I highly recommend this program to anyone who is interested in the future of education.

Caroline Johns (EPFP 2015-2016)
Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning,
Moon Area School District

Each Fellow has a vested interest in education, and EPLC provides the resources and tools to further enhance your ability to improve education for all Pennsylvanians.

Eric R. Holtzman (EPFP 2012-2013)
Business Administrator, Tuscarora Area School District

The Education Policy Fellowship Program brings together a diverse cohort of professionals from education, government, military, human services, business, and community organizations.

You are invited to apply if you have:

- A track record of making things happen – inside and across agencies/organizations.
- A full-time professional position and substantive work experience.
- A bachelor's degree or its equivalent.
- The endorsement and financial support of your employing organization.
- A commitment to personal and professional development.

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

- Participate in a two-day opening retreat and nine full-day seminars in Harrisburg over a ten-month period.
- Participate in a regional leadership forum (October) and a national policy seminar (April).
- Share your experience and knowledge with other Fellows through presentations, class discussion, and class projects.
- Conduct independent study and research to expand on issues explored in the program.

How will my organization benefit from my participation in the EPFP?

Employers gain:

- Access to a professional development program with a proven track record.
- Better informed, more skillful employees.
- Employees who are ready to assume more leadership responsibilities.
- Expanded networks that enhance the organization's ability to access key leaders and decision makers who shape policy on behalf of children and education.

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

- Provide release time for your participation in the Harrisburg seminars, the regional forum, and the national seminar.
- Pay a tuition fee of \$2,975 plus all travel-related costs for the regional and national meetings and Harrisburg seminars.

(If the applicant's schedule or budget will not enable participation in the April 2017 national policy seminar, a slightly discounted tuition rate may be available for the program without the national elements. Contact Ron Cowell at EPLC for details.)

Does participation in the EPFP qualify for Act 48 and SBA credits?

- The EPFP is not an approved Act 48 credit provider.
- EPLC is approved to provide State Board of Accountancy (SBA) credit to certified public accountants through December 31, 2016, and will apply to be a credit provider for sessions held in winter and spring 2017.

Pennsylvania EPFP 2016-2017 Seminar Calendar

	SESSION LOCATIONS
Opening Retreat:	Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
Regional Leadership Forum:	Gettysburg Battlefield and U.S. Army War College (Carlisle)
November Seminar:	PA School Boards Association's Headquarters, Mechanicsburg
All Other Monthly Seminars:	PA Association of School Administrators' Headquarters, Harrisburg
Day at the State Capitol:	PA Department of Education/State Capitol
DATE	SEMINAR TOPICS
Opening Retreat Part 1 Thursday, September 15 12:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Introductions and Setting the Stage for EPFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Context for Education Issues: Changes, Trends, and Forecast Politics, Elections, and Public Policy in Pennsylvania Intersection of Local-State-Federal Education Policy Overview of Key Pennsylvania Education Policy Issues
Opening Retreat Part 2 Friday, September 16 8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Making Public Policy in Pennsylvania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamentals of Education Policymaking Policy Players and the Process Roles of the State Board of Education and IRRC Roles of School Districts and School Boards Role of Research in Education Policy
Regional Leadership Forum, Part 1 Thursday, October 6 9:00 am - 8:00 pm	Lessons in Leadership on the Gettysburg Battlefield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., MA, MI, NY, and OH Guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield with Focus on Strategic Decisions that Directed the Actions of Union and Confederate Armies Visit to Gettysburg Battlefield Visitors Center and Museum Travel to Carlisle, Networking Reception, and PA EPFP Dinner
Regional Leadership Forum, Part 2 Friday, October 7 8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Lessons in Strategic Leadership from U.S. Army War College Faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., MA, MI, NY, and OH Leadership Lessons Learned from Gettysburg Leadership and Managing Change Strategic Thinking for Leaders
Session 1 Friday, October 21 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Leadership and Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definitions and Characteristics of Ethical Leadership Ethical Leadership Challenges in Varied Organizations Leaders as Change Agents in Public Education
Session 2 Friday, November 18 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Ready for Success in College, Career, and Citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurturing an Educated Citizenry and Educated Workforce Effects of Poverty on Students and Schools Ready for Success—21st Century Skills Career and Technical Education The Arts, Museums, Libraries, and Lifelong Learning
Session 3 Friday, December 9 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	A Changing Education Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pennsylvania's Changing Demographics Adapting to the Needs of Our Diverse Student Population Student Achievement: Standards, Assessment, and Accountability Recruiting, Preparing, Supporting, and Evaluating Educators
Session 4 Friday, January 13 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	More Choices and Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vouchers, Charters, Home School, and Public School Choices Technology and New Opportunities Early Education A Different School Day/Different School Year
Session 5 Friday, February 10 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	P-12 Education Funding Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and Fundamentals of P-12 Finance in Pennsylvania Governor's Proposed 2017-2018 Education Budget Budget Challenges for School District Officials State Budget and Revenues: Priorities and Options
Session 6 Friday, March 3 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Postsecondary Education Policy Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance and Funding of Higher Education Postsecondary Education Access, Affordability, and Quality Linking Education and Workforce Development Policy
Session 7 Friday, March 31 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Leadership for Partnerships and Public Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family, School, and Community Partnerships Collaboration and Building Coalitions Effective Advocacy: Making an Impact with Elected Officials
National Meeting April 23-26	IEL/EPLC Washington Policy Seminar Washington, DC
Session 8 Friday, May 12 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Group Project Reports: Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington Policy Seminar Debrief Groups Present Project Reports
Session 9 Tuesday, May 23 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Day at the State Capitol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings by Key Education Policy Staff Visit Legislative Offices and Present Policy Project Briefings
Graduation Wednesday, June 7	Graduation and Recognition of Fellows, Sponsors, and Alumni Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

The Fellowship Program is an excellent opportunity to learn from the leaders and policy makers in Pennsylvania and Washington whose decisions impact the students in our classrooms every day. The exchange of ideas, the knowledge and commitment of the staff, and the relationships built throughout the year offer a rich and varied learning experience unlike any other.

W. Gerard Oleksiak (EPFP 2011-2012)
Vice President, Pennsylvania State Education Association

The Fellowship Program has provided a thorough study of education policy and the dynamics of policymaking at the state and federal levels. This experience has invigorated me to advocate for all students to have access to a high-quality, well-rounded, and well-funded public education.

Ronald Sofo, Ph.D. (EPFP 2014-2015)
CEO/Principal, City Charter Public High School

From the Gettysburg Battlefield to meeting with legislative staff on Capitol Hill, each Fellowship Program experience provided a new window into some aspect of education policy. The culminating group policy project brought it all together in a powerful way. I will be revisiting the learning from this experience time and time again in the future!

Rachel Holler, Ed.D. (EPFP 2014-2015)
Director of Secondary Education, 9-12 Quakertown Community School District

The Fellowship Program has provided me a deep understanding about how policy affects and influences education. The EPFP content, presenters, and opportunities to network have served as valuable learning experiences and I would encourage others who are interested in the education and policy world connection to participate in this program.

Christine Anne Royce (2014-2015)
Professor and Chairperson, Department of Teacher Education, Shippensburg University

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Name of Applicant _____

Professional Title _____

Organization/Institution _____

Work Address _____

Office Phone _____ Home County _____

Home Address _____

Home / Mobile Phone _____ E-mail _____

Education (Please cite most recent experience first)
University/College _____ Degree _____ Date _____

Work Experience (Please list current position first)
Title _____

Dates Employed _____

Employer's Name & Address _____

Title _____

Dates Employed _____

Employer's Name & Address _____

SBA Credits
The EPFP is certified to provide State Board of Accountancy (SBA) credits to certified public accountants for all the EPFP sessions. Please check here if you are interested in receiving SBA credits.

SBA Credit _____

The Employer/Sponsor Endorsement on reverse side must be completed for the application to be considered.

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ENDORSEMENT:

TO THE SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYING AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

2016-2017 Pennsylvania EPFP Fellows are expected to participate in a two-day opening retreat and nine full-day seminars in Harrisburg, one regional leadership forum, and one national policy seminar that brings together Fellows from all EPFP sites. The leadership forum is scheduled for October 6-7, 2016, in Gettysburg, PA and at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. The national policy seminar is scheduled for April 23-26, 2017, in Washington, DC. The program tuition, plus travel-related costs to the leadership forum and the national policy seminar, are paid by the employing agency and/or the Fellow.

Your signature affirms (1) your employee’s release time for full participation in the Fellowship Program and (2) payment of program-related costs, including program fee of \$2,975. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Cowell at EPLC, 717-260-9900 or cowell@epc.org.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR/SPONSOR

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor’s Title _____

Supervisor’s Organization/Institution _____

Office Address _____

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PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program
The Education Policy and Leadership Center
800 North Third Street, Suite 408
Harrisburg, PA 17102

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Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program Past Seminar Speakers

Participants in the EPPF will have the opportunity to interact with many of Pennsylvania's leaders and education practitioners, who represent a variety of perspectives on education policy issues. Although this is not an all-inclusive list, the following people have been speakers in past EPPF seminars. Titles and organizations listed are the positions the speakers held at the time of their presentations.

Colonel Charles D. Allen, Professor, Department of Command, Leadership and Management, U.S. Army War College

Jodi Askins, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children

Rusty Baker, Executive Director, PA Museums

Dr. Joseph Bard, Executive Director, PA Association of Rural and Small Schools

Gene Barr, President and CEO, PA Chamber of Business and Industry

Dr. Brenda J. Becker, Superintendent, Hempfield School District

Joan Benso, President and CEO, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children

Diane Bosak, Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development, PA Department of Labor and Industry

Erika Brunelle, Assistant Director of Government Relations, Pennsylvania State Education Association

Jim Buckheit, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators

Lee Burket, Chief, Bureau of Career and Technical Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Donna Cooper, Secretary of Policy and Planning, Office of the Governor

Maureen Cronin, Executive Director, The Arc of Pennsylvania

Shane F. Crosby, Executive Director and Legal Counsel, Professional Standards and Practices Commission

Peter DeCoursey, Bureau Chief, Capitolwire

Dr. John A. DeFlaminis, Executive Director, Penn Center for Educational Leadership, University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Mark D. DiRocco, Superintendent, Lewisburg Area School District

Dr. Carolyn C. Dumaresq, Secretary of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Debbie Dunstone, President, Pennsylvania PTA

Dr. Joan Duvall-Flynn, Chair, Education Committee, NAACP

Robert Fayfich, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Coalition for Public Charter Schools

Arnold Fege, President, Public Advocacy for Kids

Michelle Figlar, Executive Director, Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children

Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent, Manheim Township School District

Dr. Edward Fuller, Director, Penn State Center for Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis

Dr. Peter H. Garland, Executive Vice Chancellor, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

Dr. Robert Garraty, Executive Director, PA Workforce Investment Board

Thomas Gentzel, Executive Director, National School Boards Association

Karl R. Girton, Chair, Pennsylvania State Board of Education

Thomas Gluck, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units

Jenny L. Hershour, Managing Director, Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania

Dr. Paula Hess, Former Senior Advisor to the Pennsylvania House Speaker and Majority Leader

Jay Himes, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials

Holly Jobe, President, International Society for Technology in Education

Larry Jones, President, Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools

Mark Lafer, Proprietor, Mark Lafer Consulting and A College 4U

Marcus S. Lingenfelter, Director of State Relations, National Science + Math Initiative

Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Director, Center for Politics & Public Affairs, Franklin & Marshall College

Roberta M. Marcus, Master School Board President, Parkland School District

John Maurer, State Capital Office Coordinator, Pennsylvania State Data Center

Clyde McGeary, Former Chief, Division of Arts and Sciences, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dr. C. Kent McGuire, Dean, College of Education, Temple University

Glenn R. Miller, Deputy Secretary for the Office of Commonwealth Libraries/State Librarian, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Jeff Miller, Budget Analyst, House Republican Appropriations Committee

Karen Molchanow, Executive Director, Pennsylvania State Board of Education

Dr. Richard D. Nilsen, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development

Beth Olanoff, Policy Director, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dr. Hector R. Ortiz, Director of Health Equity, Pennsylvania Department of Health

Senator Jeffrey Piccola, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee

Jeremy Plant, Professor, Public Policy Administration, Penn State Harrisburg

John T. Pulver, Special Project Consultant, Pennsylvania Association of Career & Technical Administrators

Tim Reeves, Press Secretary to Governor Ridge

Pedro A. Rivera, Secretary of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dr. Kathleen Shaw, Deputy Secretary for Postsecondary and Higher Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Rev. Sandra L. Strauss, Director of Public Advocacy, Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Representative P. Michael Sturla, Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Dr. John J. "Ski" Sygielski, President, Harrisburg Area Community College

Christopher Wakeley, Executive Director, House Education Committee

Ashley Lenker White, Government Affairs Director and Executive Director, EdPAC, Pennsylvania School Boards Association

Thomas Wolf, Chair and CEO, The Wolf Organization

Rob Wonderling, President and CEO, Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and former PA Senator

Michael Wood, Executive Budget Manager, Division of Education, Governor's Budget Office, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Shelly Yanoff, Executive Director, Public Citizens for Children and Youth

Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Secretary of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Laurie Zierer, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Humanities Council

Schedule at a Glance

Opening Retreat
Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
September 15, 2016 (12:00 pm - 8:30 pm)
September 16, 2016 (8:30 am - 3:00 pm)

Regional Leadership Forum
Gettysburg Battlefield, PA
U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA
October 6 2016
October 7, 2016

Washington Policy Seminar
April 23-26, 2017

Day at the State Capitol
May 23, 2017 (10:00 am - 4:30 pm)

Monthly Seminars (except for the November seminar - see below)
10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators' Headquarters, Harrisburg
October 21, 2016
December 9, 2016
January 13, 2017
February 10, 2017
March 3, 2017
March 31, 2017
May 12, 2017

10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Pennsylvania School Boards Association's Headquarters, Mechanicsburg
November 18, 2016

Graduation Luncheon
Noon - 2:30 pm
Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
June 7, 2017

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