

PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

2017-2018 APPLICATION FORM



- Pennsylvania's Premier Education Policy Leadership Program
- 500+ graduates: 1999 to 2017
- 2017-2018 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:

The Education Policy and Leadership Center
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Camp Hill, PA 17001
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E-mail: robinson@eplc.org

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

Enrollment is limited. Please apply early.



EPFP Class of 2016-2017

Please visit the EPLC web site, eplc.org, for the full list of more than 500 Pennsylvania EPFP Fellows, 1999 to 2017

The EPFP has provided a forum to learn more about the political landscape that, for better or worse, shapes and shifts my role as an education leader. The presentations, networking, project development, and Washington seminar provided many stimulating conversations that challenged perspectives. This was a learning experience that has increased my ability to navigate the ever-changing world of education.

Melanie M. Calender, Ed.D. (EPFP 2016-2017)
Assistant Superintendent, Warwick School District

After serving 18 years on my school board, the EPFP was exactly what I needed to motivate and inspire me to continue my strong, active commitment to public education. I also have a much better understanding of policy advocacy. The opportunity to network with so many education leaders is unique. The topics we covered included guest speakers who were all highly qualified in their areas of expertise. The Washington Policy Seminar and the two days in Gettysburg and at the U.S. Army War College were invaluable.

Art Levinowitz, Ph.D., (EPFP 2016-2017)
School Board President, School District of Upper Dublin

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 EPFP has allowed me to experience more divergent points of view than in my 30 years working in education. I've learned to think globally and understand multiple points of view, which helps to move education policy forward.

Michael D. Pawlik (EPFP 2016-2017)
Superintendent, East Lycoming School District

One of the best things about this program is the diversity of the participants. People work in a wide range of positions and for a wide range of organizations. I work in the world of early childhood education and found it very enjoyable to be in a program with people who are not a part of that world and work in other parts of education.

Stephanie Siegel-Mock (EPFP 2016-2017)
Director of Public Policy & Outreach, Pennsylvania Association
for the Education of Young Children

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 (March).
- 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 \$2,995 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 March 2018 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, 2017, and will apply to be a credit provider for sessions held in winter and spring 2018.

Pennsylvania EPFP 2017-2018 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:	PASA / PASBO Headquarters, Harrisburg
Day at the State Capitol:	PA Department of Education/State Capitol
DATE	SEMINAR TOPICS
Opening Retreat Day 1 Thursday, September 14 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 Day 2 Friday, September 15 8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Making Public Policy in Pennsylvania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamentals of Education Policymaking Policy Players, Media, 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 5 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 6 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 27 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 17 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 and Mobile Student Population Student Achievement: Standards, Assessment, and Accountability Recruiting, Preparing, Supporting, and Evaluating Educators
Session 3 Friday, December 8 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 and 339 Plans Career and Technical Education The Arts, Museums, Libraries, and Lifelong Learning
Session 4 Friday, January 19 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	More Choices and Education 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 9 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 6 Friday, March 2 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 2018-2019 Education Budget Budget Challenges for School District Officials State Budget and Revenues: Priorities and Options
National Meeting March 18-21	IEL/EPLC Washington Policy Seminar Washington, DC
Session 7 Thursday, April 12 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Leadership for Partnerships and Public Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family, School, Community Partnerships, and Engaging Parents Collaboration and Building Coalitions Effective Advocacy: Making an Impact with Elected Officials
Session 8 Friday, May 4 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 22 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 6	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

The Fellowship Program has been instrumental in my development and growth as a school leader. After each session, I genuinely felt that I had gained a deeper insight and understanding of the issues that face public education and higher education, and the plausible solutions needed.

Siobhan Leavy, Ed.D. (EPFP 2016-2017)
Director of Pupil Services, Coatesville Area School District
Chester County Intermediate Unit

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, Ed.D.
(EPFP 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:

2017-2018 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 5-6, 2017, in Gettysburg, PA and at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. The national policy seminar is scheduled for March 18-21, 2018, 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 \$2,995. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Cowell at EPLC, 717-260-9900 or cowell@epfc.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 _____

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PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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The Education Policy and Leadership Center
P.O. Box 25
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Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program Past Seminar Speakers

Participants in the EPFP 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 EPFP seminars. Titles and organizations listed are the positions the speakers held at the time of their presentations.

Bonita Allen, President-Elect,
Pennsylvania PTA

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

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

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

Joan Benso, President and CEO,
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children

Judith Bookhamer, Ph.D., Executive
Director, Pennsylvania School Counselors
Association

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

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

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

Dr. Mark D. DiRocco, Executive Director,
Pennsylvania Association of School
Administrators

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

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

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

Daniel W. Fogarty, Director of Workforce
Development & COO, Berks County
Workforce Development Board

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

Thomas Gentzel, Executive Director,
National School Boards Association

Charlie Gerow, CEO, Quantum
Communications

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

Thomas Gluck, Executive Director,
Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate
Units

Beth Hager, Director, State Museum of
Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Historical and
Museum Commission

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

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

Holly Jobe, President, International
Society for Technology in Education

Robin Jones, Executive Director,
Pennsylvania Education Foundations

Barry Kauffman, Former Executive
Director, Common Cause Pennsylvania

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

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

Maud Lyon, President, Greater
Philadelphia Cultural Alliance

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

Nathan G. Mains, Executive Director,
Pennsylvania School Boards Association

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

Carmen M. Medina, Chief, Division of
Student Services, Pennsylvania
Department of Education

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

Amy C. Morton, State Coordinator for
Pennsylvania, National Institute for School
Leadership

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

Dr. Kyle L. Peck, Co-Director, Center for
Online Innovation in Learning, Penn
State University

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

Dr. Linda Rhen, Assistant Professor of
Special Education, Penn State
Harrisburg

Dr. Howard B. Richman, Executive
Director, Pennsylvania Homeschoolers
Accreditation Agency

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

Mark J. Ryan, Deputy Director,
Independent Fiscal Office

Aaron Shenck, Executive Director,
Pennsylvania Association of Private
School Administrators

Mark S. Singel, President, The Winter
Group

Abby Smith, Director of Education,
Team PA Foundation

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

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

Kirk Williard, Ed.D., Director of Career,
Technical & Customized Education,
Chester County Intermediate Unit

Thomas Wolf, Chair and CEO, The Wolf
Organization

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

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	Thursday, September 14, 2017 (12:00 pm - 8:30 pm) Friday, September 15, 2017 (8:30 am - 3:00 pm)
Regional Leadership Forum Gettysburg Battlefield, PA U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA	Thursday, October 5, 2017 Friday, October 6, 2017
Washington Policy Seminar	Sunday-Wednesday, March 18-21, 2018
Day at the State Capitol	Tuesday, May 22, 2018 (10:00 am - 4:30 pm)
Monthly Seminars (except for the November seminar - see below) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm PASA / PASBO Headquarters, Harrisburg	Friday, October 27, 2017 Friday, December 8, 2017 Friday, January 19, 2018 Friday, February 9, 2018 Friday, March 2, 2018 Thursday, April 12, 2018 Friday, May 4, 2018
10:00 am - 4:30 pm Pennsylvania School Boards Association's Headquarters, Mechanicsburg	Friday, November 17, 2017
Graduation Luncheon Noon - 2:30 pm Radisson Hotel Harrisburg	Wednesday, June 6, 2018

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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

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

The EPFP has been a great experience for me. The wide ranging topics covered by the panels and experts have greatly broadened my understanding of the issues confronting educators in Pennsylvania. The new friendships I've developed with the other fellows from around the state have been particularly compelling.

Charles E. Daane (EPFP 2016-2017)
Chief Financial Officer, Propel Schools

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