



Education Policy Fellowship Program

MASSACHUSETTS EPFP APPLICATION BOOKLET

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Applications for the 2017-18 program will be accepted on a rolling basis through June 23, 2017. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible.

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EPFP is a program of:



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EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

For People Seeking Better Results for Children and Youth

APPLICATION

We are pleased you are considering the Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP). 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 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. EPFP activities are directed by on-site Coordinators.

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 a national conference during the Fellowship year that brings together Fellows from all program sites. The **Washington Policy Seminar** is the national meeting in March that 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 EPFP focuses on three key strands of learning and practice: leadership, policy, and networking. It provides Fellows with a unique personal development laboratory for applying new insights and for developing 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

Each person's employing agency—the sponsor—pays the base program fee of \$2,950, travel costs to regional and national meetings, and any special site-specific programming fees. In addition, the employer provides release time for on-site and national activities.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

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 experience;
- a bachelor's degree or its equivalent;
- a full-time professional position;
- the endorsement and financial support of your employing organization.

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 national conference and two site-specific overnight retreats. Please consider these extra demands on your time in light of your current professional and personal schedule. If you cannot participate fully in EPFP, please do not complete the application.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION SCHEDULE

May	EPFP application material distributed
May – June	Applications returned to EPFP Coordinators
July – August	Fellows notified of acceptance
Early Fall	Fellowship program begins

Final selection of Fellows is made by EPFP Coordinators in consultation with the applicant's sponsor.

For any questions related to the Massachusetts EPFP program or application please contact Laura Dziorny at 617-354-0002 (x1) or ldziorny@renniecenter.org.

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APPLICATION**

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

NAME (plus any nicknames)
PROFESSIONAL TITLE
ORGANIZATION
WORK ADDRESS line 1
WORK ADDRESS line 2
WORK PHONE (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)
CELL PHONE (area code + number)
BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YY)

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

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

EDUCATION (Please cite most recent institution first)

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	CITY, STATE	MAJOR FIELD	DEGREE	YEAR

RECENT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (Please list current position first)

Please do not substitute your resume for this section

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EPFP OUTCOMES

Please provide narrative responses of one page or less to each of the following questions focused on the personal and professional outcomes of EPFP. These responses are intended to provide a snapshot of your intentions regarding the program. We estimate that it will take no more than an hour to put together a response.

1. To enhance your capacity as a leader, what are your three learning priorities for this fellowship?
2. How would your participation in EPFP benefit you, your organization, and those that your organization serves?

**EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION 2017-2018 PROGRAM YEAR**

This page must be completed and signed, and the entire application mailed or emailed, for your application to be considered.

ENDORSEMENT: TO THE SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYING AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

The Massachusetts Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a ten-month professional development program for individuals who seek to enhance their knowledge and develop their skills in education leadership and public policy. The program year begins in September with an overnight retreat in Ashland, Massachusetts. Fellows meet monthly in Boston on Tuesdays from September through June. Meetings include guest speakers and discussion among Fellows on topics related to leadership and education policy. Fellows also participate in a two-day tour focused on Massachusetts civil rights history, a full-day session at the State House, and a four-day conference in Washington, D.C. that brings together Fellows from around the country and gives them a chance to explore the impact of national policy on their work.

The EPFP program fee plus travel-related costs for regional and national meetings are paid by the employing agency and/or the Fellow. Your signature ensures (1) your employee's release time for full participation in the program and (2) payment of program-related costs. If you have any questions, please contact the Massachusetts EPFP Coordinator or call the EPFP national office at the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC at (202) 822-8405 x135.

Name of Applicant (PRINT)

Applicant's Signature

Supervisor's/Sponsor's Name (PRINT)

Supervisor's/Sponsor's Signature

Supervisor's Title _____

Supervisor's Organization _____

Supervisor's Work Phone _____

Supervisor's E-mail Address _____