

Connecticut Education Policy Fellows Program (EPFP) Application 2016-2017

The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a ten-month learning experience for professionals who have demonstrated strong leadership abilities and a concern for issues important to children and education. Participants hold full-time positions in organizations such as k-12 public school districts, universities, RESCs and non-profits. We also welcome applicants from business, municipal and state government and boards of education. Fellows are typically endorsed and supported by their employing agencies.

Connecticut EPFP addresses competencies directly aligned with Connecticut's new Leader Evaluation rubric for school district administrators. Specifically, EPFP builds leaders' capacity to:

- Actively participate with local, regional and/or national stakeholders and policy-makers in community and state/national organizations
- Proactively engage and collaborate with key stakeholders to influence federal, state and local decisions that impact equity and excellence in education

Through monthly seminars and two national experiences, EPFP fellows:

- Develop a broadened understanding of education policy and politics;
- Enhance their communication skills;
- Refine their potential for leadership; and
- Expand their network of professional colleagues.

As a result, sponsoring agencies are rewarded with better-informed and more skillful employees. Visit our ACES website for a full description of the program and information explaining the costs and procedures. (<http://www.aces.org/professional-development/epfp>).

Connecticut EPFP is managed by:
Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)
Professional Development and School Improvement
205 Skiff St.
Hamden, CT 06517
203-407-4402
Leslie Abbatiello, Director

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

Connecticut EPFP invites you to apply if you have:

- A commitment to personal and professional learning on behalf of children and youth;
- A track record for making things happen—inside and across agencies and organizations;
- Substantive work experiences, leadership experience, and a full-time professional position;
- The sponsorship and financial support of your employing organization.

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

- Participate in 10 monthly seminars (typically dinner meetings on Wednesdays, from 4:30-7:30 PM) in Hamden, CT, between September and June.
- Travel to and participate in a three-day field study in New Orleans, LA (in fall 2016, dates available soon). Approximate costs of past field studies: \$1,500.
- Travel to and participate in the four-day Washington Policy Seminar, 4/23/17 – 4/26/17 in Washington, D.C. This is the national conference for IEL and EPFP and all candidates must be able to attend. (For the information about the April 2016 Washington Policy Seminar, go to http://epfp.iel.org/?page=2016_WPS.)
- Commit to produce a policy brief or other project on an issue relevant to your sponsoring organization.
- Actively participate in our monthly seminars by sharing your experience, knowledge and new learning with other fellows.

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

Employers gain:

- Access to a professional program with a proven track record and which directly supports the development of educational leaders
- Better informed, more skillful employees
- Employees prepared to assume sophisticated leadership responsibilities
- Expanded networks that enhance your organization's ability to access and influence key leaders and decision makers who shape policy in Connecticut on behalf of children and education

How is Connecticut EPFP different from other professional development programs?

EPFP focuses on developing leadership and knowledge directly related to education policy. EPFP is supported by a national and state network of highly accomplished professionals with expertise in research, policy development, and effective practice in education, child development, health, and human services. CT EPFP fellows, during monthly meetings, have opportunities to work with representatives and key policy makers from state government, community non-profit and advocacy organizations, and the education sector. These individuals will lead seminars, skill development workshops, and discussions that explore major education

policy issues for Connecticut and the country and about how to influence related politics and policy. Participation in 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 own professional practice.

EMPLOYER/SPONSOR COMMITMENT TO and SUPPORT of FELLOWS

Program Fees and Candidate Sponsorship

Each fellow or the fellow's sponsoring organization will pay a program tuition of \$2,550, which covers the costs program management and delivery and defrays CT EPFP's costs to IEL. The sponsor or fellow will also pay for **travel and hotel expenses** for the fall 2016 field study in New Orleans and IEL's Washington Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C., April 23-26, 2017. In addition, the employer provides release time as needed to participate in EPFP events throughout the fellowship year.

Your signature affirms:

- your employee's release time as needed for full participation in the Fellowship Program and
- payment of **\$2,550** in program fees. (Please submit a purchase order for this amount, payable to ACES for 2016-2017 EPFP participation fees, with the hard copy of the completed application.)

The sponsor or fellow will **also pay for travel and hotel expenses** for the field study in New Orleans in fall 2016 and for the Washington Policy Conference in April 2017 (total additional costs: approximately \$2,000).

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Applicant Signature:

Printed Name:

Date:

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR/SPONSOR

Supervisor/Sponsor Signature:

Printed Name:

Title:

Organization/Institution:

Contact Information (include email):

Supervisor/Sponsor: Please feel free to include a letter of support for the candidate.

Please return completed and signed applications in both paper and electronic forms to:

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 ACES PDSI
 205 Skiff St.
 Hamden, CT 06517
 ATTN: CT EPFP
 EMAIL – labbatiello@aces.org

We welcome applications from a broad and diverse population. Enrollment is limited. Candidates will be selected and notified after July 15, 2016.

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*Please provide the information requested,
 and both applicant and supervisor/sponsor
 signatures.*

Applicant Name:	Applicant Signature:
Supervisor/Sponsor Name and Title:	Supervisor/Sponsor Signature:
Supervisor/Sponsor Institution:	Address:
Supervisor email:	Supervisor Phone #:

Applicant: Please respond to the following questions:

1. What does your organization do? Whom does it serve?
2. Identify three learning priorities that would contribute to your continued growth as a leader.
3. How would your participation in EPFP benefit your organization?
4. What education-related policy issue in Connecticut concerns you most at this time, and why? What major changes would you like to see and why? How do you see yourself making an impact? If you have experience in bringing about such reforms, please include in your response.

INSTRUCTIONS

We ask that you submit this application electronically and in hard copy.

Please complete the application by typing your responses to each required item.

Please save the document as a new file titled: "CTEPFP 16 Application [YOURLASTNAME]"

Email the saved file as an attachment to labbatiello@aces.org.

Please print a copy of the completed application, **on or before July 15, 2016**, and **provide all required signatures**. Mail completed and signed application to:

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APPLICANTS: Please provide all of the information requested.

NAME:

PROFESSIONAL TITLE:

DIVISION/DEPARTMENT:

ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS line 1

ADDRESS line 2

ADDRESS line 3

OFFICE PHONE:

OFFICE FAX:

E-MAIL ADDRESS that we should use to contact you:

HOME ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

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 EPFP?
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EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (List your current position first. Do not substitute your resume for this section.)

TITLE: DATES OF EMPLOYMENT: NAME & ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER: DESCRIPTIONS OF DUTIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
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