

South Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program

2018-19 PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

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We are pleased you are considering the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program (SC-EPFP).

SC-EPFP is a 10-month professional development program for individuals whose work record reflects strong leadership abilities or potential and a concern for improving the lives of children and youth. Participants in SC-EPFP hold full-time positions in diverse organizations at the local, state and national levels. Fellows are supported by their employing agencies through sponsorships, schedule-flow or both.

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. SC-EPFP activities are directed by the State Coordinators.

SC-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 that brings together Fellows from all program sites. 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 work. An in-state **Leadership Retreat** heightens Fellows' understanding of leadership challenges and of themselves as leaders.

Participation in SC-EPFP yields important results. The program's complementary dimensions of work/learning, state/national, and actual/virtual activities provide Fellows with a unique personal development laboratory for applying new insights and for practicing new skills. Fellows are given many 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 SPONSORSHIP

Each South Carolina Fellow's employing agency/sponsor pays the base program fee of **\$2,350.00**, travel costs to the national meeting and transportation costs for in-state meetings. In addition, the employer provides release time for on-site and national activities. The SC-EPFP program fee includes overnight accommodations for the in-state Leadership Retreat.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

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

SC-EPFP requires participation in on-site training activities which are held one day per month with the exception of the two-day Leadership Forum. In addition, Fellows are expected to attend the national conference. Please consider these extra demands on your time in light of your current professional and personal schedule. If you cannot participate fully in SC-EPFP, please do not complete the application at this time, but do consider it for future years should your schedule permit. The deadline to apply is **Friday, August 24, 2018**.

SC-EPFP 2018-19 MEETING DATES:

September 21, 2018 – Columbia, SC
October 18-19, 2018 – Leadership Retreat – TBD
November 16, 2018 – Columbia, SC
December 14, 2018 – Columbia, SC
January 11, 2019 – Columbia, SC
February TBD, 2019 – South Carolina State House
March 13-16, 2019 – Washington Policy Seminar (4 Days)
April 12, 2019 – Columbia, SC
May 10, 2018 – Columbia, SC
June 14, 2019 – Graduation – Columbia, SC

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

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the entire application and return to SC-EPFP Coordinator Tom F. Hudson, Executive Director, SC School Improvement Council, USC College of Education, Suite 001, Columbia, SC, 29208. ***The endorsement section must be completed for your application to be considered. The SC-EPFP program fee must be paid prior to the first session on September 21, 2018.***

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PROFESSIONAL TITLE _____
DIVISION/DEPARTMENT _____
ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION _____
ADDRESS _____
OFFICE PHONE (area code + number) _____
OFFICE FAX (area code + number) _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
HOME ADDRESS (street, city, state, zip) _____
HOME PHONE (area code + number) _____

Birthday (Month and Day) _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

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

SC-EPFP OUTCOMES

Please provide narrative responses to each of the following questions focused on the personal and professional outcomes of SC-EPFP.

1. To enhance your capacity as a leader, what are your three learning priorities?
2. How would your participation in SC-EPFP benefit the constituencies you serve?

*****PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR RESUME TO THIS APPLICATION*****

SPONSOR / EMPLOYER ENDORSEMENTS

Fellows participate in monthly meetings conducted primarily in Columbia. The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington, DC, sponsors a national meeting for Fellows across all state sites. This **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 work. The South Carolina **Leadership Forum** heightens Fellows' understanding of leadership challenges and of themselves as leaders. The SC-EPFP program fee and travel-related costs to the national meeting are paid by the employing agency, other sponsor, and/or the Fellow.

EMPLOYER'S PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION

Your signature ensures your employee's release time for full participation in the program. Fellows are expected to attend all in-state meetings and the Washington Policy Seminar to earn their certificate. Any absences will be handled on an individual basis by the State Coordinators. Questions should be directed to one of SC-EPFP's State Coordinators, Tom F. Hudson (803-777-7658) or Bruce Moseley (803-414-9022). The EPFP national office at the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC, can be reached at 202-822-8405, x155.

_____ Name of Applicant	_____ Applicant's Signature
_____ Name of Supervisor/Sponsor	_____ Supervisor's/Sponsor's Signature
_____ Supervisor's Title	
_____ Supervisor's Organization/Institution	
_____ Supervisor's Email address	
_____ Supervisor's Office address	
_____ Supervisor's Office Phone	_____ Supervisor's Office Fax

PROGRAM FEE RESPONSIBILITY

Your signature assigns responsibility to your organization for the SC Education Policy Fellows Program fee of **\$2,350.00**.

_____ Name of Agency / Organization Responsible for Program Fee	
_____ Print Name of Responsible Party	_____ Signature of Responsible Party
_____ _____ (Address if different from above.) SC-EPFP will invoice for this fee before the first class.	

TRAVEL COSTS RESPONSIBILITY

Your signature assigns responsibility for travel costs associated with the SC Education Policy Fellows Program.

_____ Name of Agency / Organization Responsible for Travel Costs	
_____ Print Name of Responsible Party	_____ Signature of Responsible Party

REFUNDS

Considerable resources are required in the scheduling and development of SC-EPFP. SC-EPFP will withhold a portion of the tuition paid to cover administrative and meeting costs if, for any reason, a Fellow withdraws from SC-EPFP after the opening session. The amount of tuition refunded will be determined by the following schedule:

<u>Withdrawal Date</u>	<u>Amount Refunded or Credited</u>
November 2, 2018	Tuition paid less \$500.00
January 4, 2019	Tuition paid less \$1,500.00



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The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization established in 1964

IEL Mission

“Equipping leaders to better prepare children and youth for college career, and citizenship.”

Three Pillars of IEL’s Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP)

Policy – Networking – Leadership

EPFP Mission

Transform – Empower – Inspire

The Education Policy Fellowship Program's mission is to develop a diverse and collaborative community of strategic leaders for effective public policy.

Through 17 state sites (including the District of Columbia), EPFP strives to build the capacity of individuals and organizations in education and related fields to work together – across policies, programs, and sectors – seeking to develop, support, and sustain broad-based, multi-cultural leadership to achieve better futures for children and youth.

***To obtain a list of publications or more information on IEL's programs
and other areas of work, please contact:***

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