

COLORADO EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2019-20 APPLICATION FORM

We are pleased you are considering the Colorado Education Policy Fellowship Program. The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP; <https://epfp.iel.org/>) is a ten-month 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. Fellows are endorsed and supported by their employing agencies in the Fellowship Program.

Participation in EPFP yields key results. The program stands on three pillars of *policy*, *leadership*, and *networking* that provide Fellows with an exceptional opportunity to learn, to apply new insights, and to practice acquired skills (please see our [theoretical framework](#) that guides the EPFP approach:

Through monthly seminars, workshops, and discussions, as well as a spring project, the EPFP Fellows:

- Develop a broadened understanding of the policy process and the various aspects of education policy;
- Enhance their communication and decision-making skills;
- Refine their potential for leadership; and
- Expand their network of professional colleagues.

As a result, employing agencies are rewarded with better informed and more skillful staff.

The nationally recognized EPFP was established in 1964 by the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington, DC. IEL supports the program in its network of 17 state affiliates and in the District of Columbia. EPFP has produced over 9,500 alumni who now lead at high levels in various sectors.

Between 1978 and 1997, the Colorado EPFP served over 145 Coloradans, and was re-established in 2012-13. Over the past seven years 58 Colorado Fellows have completed the program. Colorado EPFP seeks 8-10 Fellows for the 2019-20 cohort, individuals eager to play a leadership role in education policy in our state.

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