

# Apply to the 2024-2025 LEAD Fellowship

## Cultivating Education Champions!

At **Denver Families Action** (DFA), our mission is to mobilize the community in support of a shared vision for a reimagined public education system in Denver. Together, we work towards a future where every child in Denver has access to a high quality public education that honors their inherent greatness.



### ► About the LEAD Fellowship

Our 2024-2025 LEAD Fellowship will equip emerging public education advocates with the skills and knowledge to effectively lead the next wave of education advocacy in Denver. LEAD Fellows receive a stipend for the seven month program that is designed to provide an intentional space for LEADers to think critically about the evolving challenges and opportunities within Denver's education landscape.

The LEAD Fellowship takes place from October 2024 to May 2025 and is comprised of two parts:



Beginning in October, LEAD Fellows will work with local and national experts to deepen their understanding of Denver Public Schools, public education policy, and school board governance and best practices.

*This includes a "Field Trip" to another large, urban school district to learn how advocates around the country are meeting the call to reimagine public education.*



Beginning in February, LEAD Fellows explore the fundamentals of political campaigns and consult veteran political and campaign professionals on the intersection of education policy and education politics.

*This includes our second "Field Trip" to the mountains for a multi-day retreat.*

DFA is committed to equitable access to leadership development opportunities. To support this value, we offer all LEAD Fellows a \$5,000 stipend for successful completion of the program, distributed in installments over the course of the fellowship.



## ► Expectations and Commitments

As leaders in your communities, we know time is a precious resource. By joining the LEAD Fellowship, participants commit to one to two program sessions a month. The dates and times for these sessions will be shared in advance, so that fellows have sufficient time to plan within their existing commitments. Fellows will be asked to prepare for sessions with intentional pre-work and will have the opportunity to apply what they've learned between sessions. Fellows can also look forward to an all expenses paid trip to another large, urban school district in October of 2024, and a mountain retreat in February of 2025.

## ► Application Process

Interested applicants can expect to participate in an application and interview process that includes a written application, a phone interview, and a group interview.

**Priority Deadline:**  
**Apply by**  
**June 9th, 2024**

**Final Deadline:**  
**Apply by**  
**September 8th, 2024**

### **How to apply:**

Complete an application by visiting  
[denverfamiliesaction.org/lead-fellowship](https://denverfamiliesaction.org/lead-fellowship)

## ► Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Great leaders come from many walks of life. Whether you have a background serving in our public schools, in public activism, or as a civic and/or a business leader, successful applicants will bring a track record of positive impact in their communities. Applicants should live in Denver or have a personal connection to Denver Public Schools, and be 18 years of age or older.

DFA is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community of talented individuals. We believe in providing equal opportunities to all applicants, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, or socioeconomic background.

As we build a diverse cohort of emerging advocates, we lead with an eye towards greater representation of Denver and our school communities. Historically, people of color, women, immigrants, LGBTQIA+ folks, and other underrepresented groups have been denied access to important tools and resources. We strongly encourage applicants from underrepresented groups to apply!

## Contact Information

Are you interested but wanting to learn more about the LEAD Fellowship? Let's connect!

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