

Frequently Asked Questions



EDUCATION & WORKFORCE POLICY FELLOWSHIP

What is the Education & Workforce Policy Fellowship?

The Fellowship is an exclusive statewide leadership experience designed to equip business and workforce leaders with the knowledge, tools, and networks needed to shape education and workforce policy in Ohio. Fellows will participate in curated in-person and virtual sessions, site visits, and complete a flexible, interest-driven capstone project to apply their learning in real-world contexts.

*Equipping Business Leaders to
Shape Ohio's Education
& Workforce Future*

Who is eligible to apply?

We welcome nominations and applications from leaders serving in roles such as:

- Business professionals and corporate leaders
- Economic development professionals
- Corporate government affairs representatives
- Business association representatives (e.g., chambers of commerce, rotary clubs, local business groups)
- Employers who participate on Business Advisory Councils

Ideal candidates are mid- to senior-level leaders who demonstrate commitment, curiosity, and passion for education and workforce improvement.

Who leads the Fellowship?

The Fellowship is led by Ohio Excels, a nonprofit created by Ohio's business leaders to improve educational outcomes and advance workforce readiness across the state. The program is co-designed with Fellows and supported by a vast network of policy, education, and workforce leaders.

What is the time commitment?

Fellows must participate in six in-person sessions and three virtual learning sessions from **September 2025 through May 2026**. Sessions typically last one day and may require travel within Ohio.

What are the benefits of participating?

Fellows will:

- Build a deep understanding of Ohio's education and workforce systems
- Gain access to a cross-sector leadership network
- Receive an Ohio Excels' Education & Workforce Policy Fellowship digital badge for LinkedIn
- Shape meaningful policy and community solutions at the local and state levels



When students succeed, Ohio Excels.

What is the cost to participate?

- **Tuition:** \$1,500

Tuition covers all program sessions, materials, and access to special events like the **2025 Aim Hire Conference**

- Travel and lodging are the participants' responsibility
- Limited scholarships will be available

When are applications due?

Applications open in May 2025 and are due by **July 15, 2025**. Selected Fellows will be notified in **early August 2025**.

What does the application include?

Applicants must submit:

- A short online form
- A brief statement of interest
- A current résumé or professional bio
- A letter of recommendation and commitment from the applicant's employer

Where can I learn more or apply?

Visit www.OhioExcels.org/Fellowship for more information.