

Overview

In order to prepare future principals for success in their first year as a principal, the Aspiring Principal Fellowship will support the development of aspiring school leaders across the state. The Louisiana Department of Education launched a pilot cohort in 2021-2022 for aspiring principals and is expanding the Aspiring Principal Fellowship for the 2023-2024 school year. The fellowship will prepare up to 50 individuals with the critical knowledge and skills needed to serve in the principal role. This selective statewide fellowship is rooted in Louisiana's five priorities:

1. Ensure every student is on track to a professional career, college degree, or service.
2. Remove barriers and create equitable, inclusive learning experiences for all children.
3. Provide the highest quality teaching and learning environment.
4. Develop and retain a diverse, highly effective educator workforce.
5. Cultivate high-impact systems, structures, and partnerships.

APF cohort participants will meet during the 2023-2024 school year to explore best practices with regional experts, participate in school visits, and reflect on his/her leadership practices. Participants will exit this fellowship with a robust leadership portfolio, the guidance of some of Louisiana's most successful principals, and a strong network of lifelong colleagues. Fellows will explore the following topics:

- Observation and Feedback Cycles
- Accelerating Learning
- Staffing and Scheduling
- Instructional Leadership Teams
- Teacher Collaboration
- Recruitment and Retention
- School Accountability

APF cohort participants will attend 6 meetings throughout the year. The participants will be assigned to one of the two cohorts. The dates for both are listed below for each session.

- Introductory meeting at the Teacher Leader Summit May 30-June 1
- September 26/27, 2023
- November 7/8, 2023
- January 23/24, 2024
- February 20/21, 2024
- March 19/20, 2024

Application Details

All applications must be submitted via this [link](#) no later than **March 10**. Candidates will be notified of acceptance status and next steps by April 15. Before applying, please take a moment to review the topics, program costs, dates, and school system assurances required for application completion.

The tuition for this program is \$1000.00. Additionally, all travel costs (mileage, food, hotel) are the responsibility of the district.

The application requires a current copy of an EDL1 License or equivalent documentation.

Please be advised that attendance to all modules is required. Applicants must therefore obtain an assurance ([sample letter here](#)) from their existing school leader and superintendent stating support:

- to attend all modules at varying locations across the state,
- to reimburse travel inclusive of mileage, hotel, and food; and,
- to pay the \$1,000 tuition in a timely manner (Link for tuition payment will be sent upon acceptance).

Questions can be emailed to louisianaleaders@la.gov.