

# MN EPF

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MINNESOTA EDUCATION  
POLICY FELLOWSHIP

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*Celebrating 50 years!*

A Joint Venture of



**2026-2027**

**Program Information**

# PROGRAM INFORMATION

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS • PREPARING POLICY LEADERS SINCE 1976

**METRO COHORT • RURAL COHORT**

**APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS**

**BOSA CEUs offered**

The Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship is a joint venture of two **Minnesota Service Cooperatives** (public non-profit membership organizations), [BrightWorks](#) and [Lakes Country Service Cooperative](#), and the [Center for Policy Design](#) (a 501c3 non-profit organization). BrightWorks (located in Arden Hills) leads the Metro Cohort; Lakes Country Service Cooperative (LCSC) (located in Fergus Falls) leads the Rural Cohort. Over 600 participants have completed this Fellowship. MNEPF alumni include superintendents, charter school directors, principals, K-12 teachers, district leaders, higher education leaders, and legislators.

We are pleased you are considering applying to the Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship. MNEPF is a 12-month professional development Fellowship focusing on education policy at both the state and federal level. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**MNEPF invites your application if you have:**

- A commitment to both personal and professional development in the area of public policy,
- A desire to learn and hear from different perspectives, and
- A desire for making things happen--inside and across organizations.

**Format:**

The Fellowship is a combination of in-person and virtual seminars featuring guest speakers and experiential field trips.

There are not strict geographical boundaries to the cohorts. This is a statewide Fellowship. Applicants are welcome to choose a cohort based on what works for their schedule, location, and preferred meeting format. The two cohorts have joint experiences, including visiting the Minnesota Capitol, meeting with the state demographer, touring schools, and traveling to Washington DC. Fellows are welcome to attend meetings of interest hosted by either cohort.

The Washington DC Policy Experience is foundational to a greater understanding of the policy world. Attendance is recommended. Fellows will attend [AESA's Advocacy in Action Conference](#). The conference dates are **September 22-25, 2026**.

**Selection:**

- Final selection of Fellows is made by MNEPF Coordinators in consultation with the applicants.
- If the program fee would prevent you from applying, please contact Troy Haugen (Rural Cohort), Colleen Feller (Metro Cohort), or Chris Streiff Oji (Metro Cohort).

**Tuition:**

- The Fellowship tuition is \$2,500. This includes all seminars and a Washington Policy Experience. Travel to and lodging in Washington, DC are the responsibility of the Fellow.

[Apply](#) for either cohort.

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## What You Can Expect

### THE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship has as a primary focus on state and federal public policy development and the leadership that is necessary to influence policies that will have a positive impact on the educational experiences of Minnesota's students. It is designed to expand and update your working knowledge of state and federal public policy, analysis, design, and implementation.

### A WORKING DEFINITION OF PUBLIC POLICY

There are many working definitions of the term "public policy." To help us be clear in our policy discussions we will use the following definitions of public policy:

- Public policy is a course of action, for a given period of time, based on a given set of circumstances, designed to influence future decisions or actions.
- Public policy design is a proposal for action, for a given period of time, based on a given set of circumstances, designed to influence future decisions or actions.

The Fellowship will provide you with the support, independently or with others, to create a Policy Design Brief (PDB) on a policy issue that is important to you.

### PUBLIC POLICY DESIGN CYCLE

The "Public Policy Design Cycle" (PDC) will be used to provide a map on how to advance public policy. It is a public policy tool that explains how policy moves from "values" to "problems" to "issues" and then moves to action.

The PDC provides guidance about where to start on any public policy work. Our values tell us to describe some things as "problems" and some as "issues." We want to solve the problem most often without deciding on a "goal." What is needed is a clear statement of the problem and a clear statement of the goal. Then the "how?" question can be asked. Finding the 'How' requires finding and fixing a problem that has a clearly stated goal.

### PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP

Public policy work requires a special type of leadership – both transactional and transformational. You cannot get to transformation in the public policy arena without a solid base of transactional leadership.

## **THE LEARNING MODEL**

The Fellowship's learning process is experiential. It is based on the belief that knowledge and skills are the "residue that is left when the experience wears off." Fellows will have the opportunity to work in small groups on a project. One example is writing a Public Policy Design Brief, as described below.

## **CONDITIONS, PROBLEMS, POLICIES, POLITICS**

Public policy starts with a condition or a problem. A condition is a situation or circumstance in which no one will invest. If you believe that "poverty will always be with us," then you believe poverty is a condition. If poverty will always be with us, why work on it? A condition must be turned into a problem before you can convince someone to work on it.

Once you have a problem clearly identified you can develop a policy to address it. What is left then is the politics of getting it enacted and implemented. You will often hear during the Fellowship: "What is the problem, what is the goal and what are the "hows" – what are the policy "hows", what are the implementation "hows" and what are the political "hows"?"

## **PUBLIC POLICY DESIGN BRIEF**

The Public Policy Design Brief (PDB), like a legal brief, is intended to be a guide to convince the reader that the public policy issue in the Public Policy Design Brief (PDB) is worth an in-depth review and investigation. It is critically important that the reader can, in a short period of time, clearly see the relevance and importance of the public policy design being proposed. Here is the table of contents for the brief:

- Title
- Executive Summary
- Problem(s) to be Solved
- Goal(s) to be Achieved
- Options Considered
- Policy How(s)
- Implementation How(s)
- Political How(s)

## **CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OPEN CONVERSATION:**

### **The Seminars and a Washington Policy Experience (WPE)**

The policy seminars are the backbone of the Fellowship. They are designed to provide you with an up close and personal experience that will include discussions and conversations with key members of Minnesota's executive and legislative branches and their staff.

In addition, there is a one-day Policy Seminar at the Minnesota Capitol and a three-day Washington Policy Experience (WPE), focusing on "Minnesota in Washington DC".

MNEPF has a proud history of trust with those who will discuss, very candidly, some of the most sensitive problems (and solutions) facing our state and nation. You can, and should, talk about the seminars but we ask that you not attribute names as part of your conversations with others.

## **UNDERSTANDING POLICY ENTREPRENEURS**

Understanding the role of public policy entrepreneurs is critical to working in the public policy arena. The concept was introduced by John W. Kingdon in 1984, who said policy entrepreneurs "...could be in or out of government, in elected or appointed positions, in interest groups or research organizations." The public policymaking space, according to Kingdon, is made up of three more or less independent activities:

1. the problem stream,
2. the political stream, and
3. the public policy stream.

He argued that moments arise when perceptions of problems, political circumstances, and ideas for possible solutions all come into alignment. This is where you find the policy entrepreneurs. These moments are called public policy windows and offer a real chance to enact significant policy change.

Policy entrepreneurs believe problems are not really problems of "performance." They are problems of public policy design, fixed only by redesigning the systems that shape the way people and organizations behave. This is called "Large System Architecture" (LSA). Organizations tend to behave the way they are structured and rewarded to behave. If you don't like the way they behave, you probably have to change the way they're structured and rewarded.

This Fellowship is unique in its focus on “public policy entrepreneurs” which can be very useful in the creation of a “Public Policy Design Brief”.

### **Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship (MNEPF) History**

The Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship started in 1976-77 as a joint venture of the University of Minnesota and the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington DC. For the first 34 years, the College of Education at the University of Minnesota was the Minnesota-based partner.

Throughout its history, the Fellowship has grown and been developed by five organizations. Each of these organizations, and their leadership, has ensured the Fellowship’s continuation – now looking at celebrating its 50th year in 2026.

- University of Minnesota (1975–2010)
- Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) (1975–2020)
- Center for Policy Design (2010–current)
- Lakes Country Service Cooperative (2019-current)
- BrightWorks (2023-current)

### **Center for Policy Design**

Founded in 1981, the Center for Policy Design (CPD) is a Minnesota-based nonprofit, nonpartisan policy design organization. The Center designs policies to improve large public system like K-12 schooling, health care and postsecondary education.

MNEPF fits into the overall framework of the Center. It is designed to expand and update Fellows working knowledge of large system state and federal policy design, enactment and implementation.

### **Minnesota Service Cooperatives**

The Minnesota Service Cooperatives (MSC) are public, nonprofit membership-based organizations dedicated to providing services that help make their members more successful. BrightWorks and Lakes Country are two of nine Service Cooperatives in Minnesota. Lakes Country Service Cooperative serves members in a nine-county region in west central Minnesota. BrightWorks (formerly Metro ECSU) serves the seven-county metropolitan area of Minneapolis & St. Paul.

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**1977-1978**

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**1978-1979**

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Van Muller

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Gary Farland

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**1979-1980**

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**1981-1982**

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**2015-2016**

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