



THE
**SCHOOL
AMBASSADOR
FELLOWSHIP**
PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL AMBASSADOR FELLOWSHIP?

- The School Ambassador Fellowship (SAF) supports the Department's mission by leveraging the expertise of outstanding educators as they contribute to national education dialogue.
- The Fellows expand their leadership via in-depth learning experiences, and contribute to the broader educational landscape through meaningful interaction with education stakeholders at the local, state, and national levels.





Vision

The School Ambassador Fellowship is a United States Department of Education competition-based program designed to improve educational outcomes for students by leveraging the expertise of school-based practitioners in the creation, dissemination, and evaluation of national education policy.

Mission

The Fellowship seeks to:

- create a community of teachers, principals, counselors, psychologists, social workers and other school staff members who share expertise and collaborate with leaders in the federal government on national education issues;
- involve educators who work daily with students and teachers in developing policies that holistically affect learning environments;
- highlight practitioners' voices and expand educators' critical leadership at the national, state and local levels.

A group of diverse school professionals, including men and women of various ethnicities, are posed in a hallway. They are dressed in professional attire, such as blouses, jackets, and suits. The background shows a typical school hallway with a staircase and a framed picture on the wall.

IF YOU ARE A

- **Teacher**
- **Administrator**
- **District Administrator**
- **Student Support Personnel (social worker, psychologist, etc.), or**
- **Other School or District-based Educator (librarian, media specialist, nurse, etc.)**

EMPLOYED IN A

- **Public School,**
- **Private School,**
- **Charter School,**
- **DoDEA School, or**
- **BIE School**

**YOU SHOULD APPLY FOR TO BE A SCHOOL
AMBASSADOR FELLOW!**

THE AMBASSADOR EXPERIENCE

- Serve as the Department's field expert representatives
- Work side-by-side with federal agencies and education officials
- Engage with top-tier educators from around the world
- Expand your influence and impact as an educator nationally





FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

- Gain in depth knowledge about the work of the Department of Education and federal policy.
- Facilitate the learning and input of other educators and community members.
- Facilitate improved communication between the Department and the field. Provide the Department of Education with educator's voice and perspective on policies that affect classrooms and schools.

The Alumni Network

The Department regularly seeks the input and expertise of the outstanding educators in our Ambassador Alumni Network to inform various national education initiatives.



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