

# SAF

School Ambassador Fellowship



*Applicants are encouraged to apply who demonstrate a commitment to be active school personnel who seek to partner with the Department of Education in the creation, dissemination, and evaluation of national education policy.*

## ABOUT

Launched in 2007, the School Ambassador Fellowship is a unique professional engagement experience designed to improve the outcomes for students nationwide by leveraging the voices of outstanding school-based practitioners to inform the Department on a range national education policy issues. The fellowship is founded on the principles of **partnership, collaboration, and cooperation**, seeking to:

- Establish an active community of school practitioners
- Engage school-based educators in policy development
- Showcase the power of practitioners' voices and expand the critical leadership role of educators

The fellowship offers two opportunity tracks: full-time and part-time. Full-time fellows engage daily with Department officials, and Part-time fellows maintain regular school responsibilities and collaborate with the Department through scheduled events, projects, and meeting times.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?



- Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Currently be a teacher, principal, or other school staff member (and anticipate being employed in this role during the 2024 – 2025 school year)



- Be employed by a traditional public, charter, private, virtual, military, or tribal school that serves any grade, preschool through twelfth
- Have at least five years of experience, up to and including the current school year
- Have daily interaction with students and educators in a school setting in his/her school role

## Why Become a Fellow?



Through their interaction with leaders at the U.S. Department of Education, Fellows provide a direct line of contact and engagement between the Department and their local school districts and are positioned to elevate pressing educational challenges faced by the students they serve.



Fellows build, foster and facilitate relationships between their school districts and the Department's nationwide network of educational organizations.



In collaboration with Department staff and resources, Fellows' work on projects intended to solve complex challenges that will directly impact the students, families and educators within their local communities.

Note: These are just some of the many possible benefits to districts throughout a fellows journey. Each fellow's experience is different and district benefits will follow individual fellow's merit