



## **COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE FOR PARENT LEADERSHIP (CIPL) FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

**Deadline: September 30th, 2019**

**What is CIPL?** The Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (CIPL) is a continuum of engagement and leadership development for families, schools and communities to increase academic success of Kentucky students and progress of Kentucky's public schools. Powerful partnerships are achieved, when active champions for education honor and recognize the connection between families and schools, as a core strategy for improving student academic achievement.

**What is the CIPL Fellowship?** The CIPL Fellowship is designed to offer participants information related to Kentucky's education system and key topics relevant today to help increase success for all students. Through the completion of webinars, homegroup involvement, community leadership and statewide events, CIPL participants will be installed and recognized as a CIPL Fellow.

### **Who can apply to become a CIPL Fellow?**

All parents, guardians, mentors and other community members in any Kentucky county who support K-12 public school students and want to expand their capacity as citizen champions for education. A CIPL Fellow is someone who believes public education is critical to the economic and social well-being of Kentucky, is committed to equity and excellence in education from early childhood through postsecondary and is committed to helping their student and their student's peers excel.

### **Participants commit to:**

- **Virtual Orientation (October):** Participate in a one-hour virtual orientation to meet other Fellows and get an overview of the goals, opportunities and activities of the Fellowship.
- **Deeper Dive Webinars (October – April):** Participate in a track of webinars that provide deep content to understand Kentucky's education system and key topics relevant today to help increase student success. Topics include but not limited to Education Reform & Accountability, Student Performance Over Time & Achievement Gaps, Adequate and Equitable Funding – Kentucky's Seek Formula, Community Leadership, Social Determinants of Health and Success.
- **Community Leadership:** Take what you've learned into your community in a way that engages parents/citizens and helps deepen commitment to student success. This could be hosting a dedicated community conversation with a goal of continuing the conversation over time, pursuing membership on a Site Based Decision-Making Council or school board, or designing a unique project.
- **Share Your Story:** Write a brief report highlighting what you learned, how you've grown as a parent leader, and what you hope to accomplish in your community as a result.

- **Kentucky Parent Leadership Summit (April 2020):** Attend the Kentucky Parent Leadership Summit in the spring of the year to learn and network with other parents, guardians and Fellows. Participants who have completed the Fellowship will be recognized at this event as the CIPL Class of 2020.

**In return, participants receive:**

- Foundational information to understand the state of education in Kentucky
  - Networking events with other CIPL Fellows
- A letter of recognition sent to their local school district, newspaper and the KY Commissioner, Department of Education and Council on Postsecondary, President.
- Recognition at the Annual Parent Leadership Summit in the Spring

**To apply:**

Apply online at [prichardcommittee.org](http://prichardcommittee.org) by **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019** For questions, contact Laura Beard at [laura.beard@prichardcommittee.org](mailto:laura.beard@prichardcommittee.org) or (859) 233-9849.

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<b>Name</b>	
<b>Home Address</b>	<b>Street:</b> <b>City:</b> <b>Zip:</b>
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Phone</b> (Circle the phone number you prefer.)	<b>Home:</b> <b>Cell:</b> <b>Work:</b>
<b>County</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	
<b>Race/ethnic origin (optional)</b>	
<b>Current Employer</b>	

**Indicate ways in which you are currently involved in your school or in your community**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
School Board		
SBDM Council		
Advisory Council (FRYSC, Headstart etc.)		
PTA/PTO		
Community Organization Committee/Board		
Other		

Other (please describe)

If you have a child(ren) in school, please list your child's age and school your child attends:

MY GOALS FOR PARENT LEADERSHIP ARE (please list three goals):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I BELIEVE THAT PARENT LEADERSHIP IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

I COMMIT TO:

- Attending the annual Kentucky Parent Leadership Summit and inviting other parents to join me there.
- Participation in required webinars
- Participation in homegroups that meet in your area
- Taking what I learn into my community in a way that works best for my community. This could be a dedicated community conversation with a goal of continuing the conversation over time, hosting a Parent Leadership Basecamp, or designing a unique project.
- A written report that highlight's what I've learned, how I've grown as a parent leader, and what I hope to accomplish in my community as a result. A template will be provided for you

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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