

First Up Early Childhood Fellowship Program 2021-2022 Application

The First Up Early Childhood Fellowship, launched in 2009 to train a new generation of early childhood leaders, is designed to educate, connect, and support emerging leaders working to effect positive change in the field of early childhood. Participants for the 2021 cohort will be selected on a competitive basis and must be able to commit to twelve virtual meetings, or four overnight retreats when in-person gatherings are safe to convene. The fellowship will culminate with a trip to Harrisburg if it becomes safe to do so. Specific dates will be finalized in consultation with participants, and site costs will be covered by the Fellowship if in-person gatherings are possible.

Over the course of the program, participants will be expected to participate in 90 hours of group work or its equivalent, engage in our statewide advocacy campaign, and follow through with advocacy activities in their local communities. The Fellowship can be used for professional development in a variety of ways—Act 48 credits, Directors Credential renewal, continuing education credits, and PA Keys professional development hours—with undergraduate and graduate credit a future possibility. In addition, fellows will meet and work with the ECE leadership in the state, be invited to various local and statewide ECE tables, and be offered other leadership opportunities as appropriate.

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| Name: | | |
| Program name: | | |
| Program address: | | |
| Home address: | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: |
| Work phone: | | Home phone: |
| Email: | | |
| *Date of Birth: | | *Last 5 (not 4 but FIVE) of SSN#: |

* required in order to receive PA Keys Professional Development credit

Please check one: I am a: family child care provider ____; teacher in a center ____;

school-aged teacher ____; director ____; other _____

I have been in my current job for ____ years and have connected with the ECE field for ____ years.

I currently work with _____.

Please write a brief paragraph on each of the following:

Why would you like to participate in the ECE Fellowship program?

What issues in the field of early childhood would you most like to address?

Have you ever taken a leadership role—at work, in your neighborhood or church? Describe a time when action you took made a positive difference.

Describe your education, training, and experience as it relates to the field of early childhood.

A priority of this project is to have a diverse group. What group/s and issues could you represent?

I heard about the ECE Fellowship program through: _____

I would like to apply for the following type of credit:

Continuing education units Act 48 credit Directors Credential renewal
 PA Keys PD hours Undergraduate credit Graduate credit

I am qualified to apply for vouchers to defray the cost. yes no

Signature _____ Date _____

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