



Class of 2019/2020 Application Form

How to use this application

Please send your completed application to policyacademy@firstfivebraska.org by the deadline above using one of the following methods:

- Print and fill out the form manually, then scan and send as an email attachment, OR
- Save this application to your computer and open it using Adobe Reader. You can then type directly into this form, save it again and return it as an email attachment
- Be sure to save a copy of the completed application for your records

Commitment

Participants in the 2019-2020 Nebraska Early Childhood Policy Leadership Academy will commit to attending six in-person meetings between October 2019 and April 2020. There is no in-person meeting in December 2019. **These meetings occur during regular business hours and, in some cases, may involve overnight stays. Please be sure your employer is aware of this commitment and agrees to your participation in this project. All expenses associated with attending the meetings will be reimbursed.** In-person meetings will be supplemented by optional webinars throughout the program. You can find more detailed information online at www.firstfivebraska.org/initiatives/policyacademy.

Who Should Apply?

Applicants in the 2019/2020 Academy will primarily be recruited from communities currently participating in the Communities for Kids initiative of Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. These locations include: Columbus, Gothenburg, Grand Island, Lexington, Lincoln, McCook/Red Willow County, Nebraska City/Otoe County, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, Pender, Red Cloud, Schuyler, Stuart/Holt County, Valentine/Cherry County and York, as well as the greater Nebraska Panhandle area. Participants from other communities may be considered based on available space in the 2019-2020 program and at the discretion of the Academy’s organizers.

Notifications

All applicants will receive notifications by Friday, September 13, 2019. If you are not selected for this class of the Policy Leadership Academy, you may be considered for future classes.

First Name MI Last Name

Home Address Apartment/Unit # City State ZIP

County Mobile Phone Email

Business/Employer Position/Title Work Phone/Email

Preferred Method(s) of Contact (check all that apply):

Mobile Phone Work Phone Personal Email Professional Email

Nebraska Early Childhood Policy Leadership Academy 2019/2020 Application

1. *What interests you most about participating in the Nebraska Early Childhood Policy Leadership Academy? How do you see yourself using this experience to benefit your community?*

2. *What are some of the most pressing issues or concerns in your community including, but not limited to, early childhood/child care issues? (For example: employment opportunity, housing, etc.)*

3. *Please rate your current level of understanding of the following topics on the five-point scale below, where (1) indicates unfamiliarity with the issue and (5) indicates advanced knowledge in this area:*

1 2 3 4 5

Science of brain development and skill formation in early childhood

Nebraska's Unicameral and the legislative process

How state agencies (NDE, DHHS, etc.) develop and implement policies

How local government works in your community or county

Early childhood programs and needs in your community

Demographic and economic factors in your community (employment, poverty, etc.)

How to identify and engage with key influencers your community

How to develop a communications strategy to target key audiences in your community

4. *In which of the topics listed above are you most interested in growing your knowledge or skills by participating in the Policy Leadership Academy?*

