# **CSG MIDWEST**

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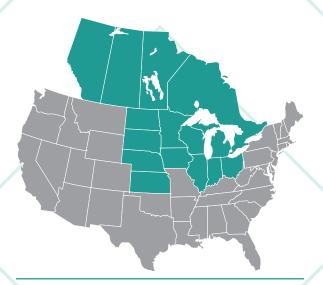


Since 1933, The Council of State Governments has served officials in all 50 states and the U.S. territories. The nation's only nonpartisan association representing all three branches of

state government, CSG is a regionally based national organization that promotes excellence in state government. It fosters the interstate exchange of information and ideas to help state officials advance public policy, while also offering unparalleled regional, national and international opportunities for leadership development, collaboration and interstate problem solving.

Through its mix of publications, online resources, networking opportunities and leadership training, CSG Midwest focuses on serving legislators and other state officials from the nation's heartland. It provides staff support to several regional groups, including the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC)—a nonpartisan association of state and provincial legislators from the Midwest.

# MLC MEMBER JURISDICTIONS



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Member Jurisdictions: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Saskatchewan, South Dakota and Wisconsin

Affiliate Members: Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario

# FOR POLICYMAKERS

Through its in-person and virtual meetings, along with the staffing of various interstate committees and working groups, CSG fosters the exchange of information and ideas to help state officials advance public policy.

Every legislator in the Midwest's 11 states and four Canadian provinces (see map) has access to CSG's and CSG Midwest's programs and resources.

# **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

# The MLC Annual Meeting—

the only event designed by and for state and provincial legislators from the Midwest–features a mix of renowned speakers, professional development workshops and policy sessions on issues of critical importance to this region. This year, the meeting



will be held July 11-14 in Rapid City, S.D. The CSG National Conference will be held in December in Santa Fe, N.M. Additionally, throughout the year, CSG hosts virtual policy and professional development sessions for the Midwest's legislators and other state leaders.

# HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF CSG & CSG MIDWEST?

- » Participate in Midwestern Legislative Conference policy committees or other CSG Midwest groups for legislators and other state officials.
- » Rely on us as your source for information and individualized research assistance.
- » Attend the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting, the CSG National Conference, and other CSGled events to learn from and network with colleagues.
- » Take part in CSG's regularly held virtual sessions that cover a wide array of topics on public policy, leadership and professional development.
- » Read CSG publications such as Stateline Midwest, Capitol Ideas and The Book of the States.

Contact CSG Midwest: 630.925.1922 or csgm@csg.org.

# POLICY COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

CSG Midwest supports seven standing policy committees of the Midwestern Legislative Conference. Legislators serve on these regional committees to work together on common issues:



Agriculture and Natural Resources



**Fiscal Affairs** 



Criminal Justice and Public Safety



Health and Human Services



Economic Development



Midwest-Canada Relations



**Education** 

CSG Midwest also provides staff support to other groups of legislators and state officials:

## » MLC Forum on Social Justice

The forum provides opportunities for all interested Midwestern legislators to address a wide range of racial and social justice issues, including economic equity, systemic racism and discrimination, racial disparities in public health, education and corrections, and more.

#### » Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission

An interstate compact agency created by Midwestern states to promote, coordinate and support regional passenger rail improvements and to formulate positions on federal rail policy. For information, visit *miprc.org*.

# » Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee

A regional group of state legislators and executive branch officials that brings states together to work with the U.S. Department of Energy on policies and plans for shipping radioactive waste through the region.

## » Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus

A nonpartisan, binational organization of state and provincial legislators organized around the guiding principle of assuring that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River continue to provide a plentiful source of clean, affordable water to the region's residents, businesses and industries. For information, visit *greatlakeslegislators.org*.

CSG maintains national committees on intergovernmental, international and interbranch affairs; staffs policy task forces; and regularly holds national policy academies. For information, visit *csg.org*.

# **CSG POLICY RESOURCES**

# **Regional and National Publications**

CSG's regional and national publications keep lawmakers informed on key policy trends and innovations in state government, as well as important institutional issues in state government.



**Stateline Midwest**, published 11 times a year, focuses on key policies and trends of interest to this region and its elected officials.



**Capitol Ideas**, CSG's national magazine, is published five times a year and covers cuttingedge issues and forecasts policy trends in state government.



**The Book of the States**, an annual encyclopedia of essential information on state government, is a premier resource for policymakers and academic institutions throughout the nation.

# ONLINE RESOURCES

- » CSG Midwest's Online Policy and Research a compilation of key issues in state government and the Midwest csgmidwest.org
- » CSG's Shared State Legislation an annual program (developed through a memberdriven process) that shares information on legislative development in the states csg.org
- » CSG Justice Center a leading national source of information on criminal justice policy csgjusticecenter.org
- » Virtual Sessions for State Policymakers regularly held virtual sessions and webinars that allow attendees to share ideas with one another and learn from leading policy experts csgmidwest.org

# PUBLIC POLICY LEADERS

CSG seeks to advance public policy at the state level through its CSG Center of Innovation, CSG Justice Center and CSG National Center for Interstate Compacts.



**The CSG Center of Innovation** provides fact-based and data-driven policy support, identifies and fosters state-driven policy solutions, and works to ensure equality of

opportunity and engagement across all populations. For information, visit *csg.org/coi*.



**The CSG Justice Center** provides states with practical, nonpartisan, research-driven strategies and tools to increase public safety and strengthen communities. For information,

visit csgjusticecenter.org.



**CSG's National Center for Interstate Compacts** assists policymakers in developing interstate compacts to address problems that span state boundaries. Examples of CSG-facilitated inter-

state agreements include compacts to improve adult offender supervision, to strengthen educational opportunities for military children, and to allow physicians to practice across state lines. For information, visit csg.org/NCIC.

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & POLICY TRAINING

- » The Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development, or BILLD, is the premier leadership training program for the Midwest's state and provincial legislators. Held in Minneapolis, the five-day institute offers lawmakers in their first four years of service a unique educational and networking opportunity.
- » Toll Fellows is CSG's national leadership program. Every year, a select group of state officials from all three branches of government travel to Lexington, KY, for an intensive "leadership boot camp."
- » CSG Midwest's Under the Dome initiative delivers customized professional development training and policy workshops in the region's capitols.
- » The CSG Policy Academy Series offers stand-alone meetings on a specific issue area and provides an intensive educational and networking experience for participating state legislators and other leaders.

# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

# 2021

75th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC)

July 11–14 | Rapid City, SD

26th Annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD)

July 30–August 3 | Minneapolis, MN

Henry Toll Fellowship Program August 20–24 | Lexington, KY Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus (GLLC) September 24–25 | Québec City, QC

**CSG National Conference** December | Santa Fe, NM

2022

76th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) July 10–13 | Wichita, KS

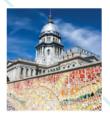
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The national CSG office is located in Lexington, KY. CSG has regional offices in Atlanta, Chicago (Lombard, IL), New York and Sacramento. It also has an office in Washington, D.C.



















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**MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:** Our regional and national conferences feature renowned speakers and policy sessions on issues of critical importance to policymakers and provide legislators a unique chance to network with counterparts and thought leaders from across the country.



**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS:** Nearly 90 current and former Wisconsin officials, including 36 incumbent legislators, are alumni of our leadership training programs. The Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) is the only leadership-development program designed specifically for Midwestern state legislators. The Toll Fellowship program is CSG's national leadership development program for state officials from all three branches of government.



**LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** Wisconsin legislators have held top leadership positions as chairs of the Midwestern Legislative Conference. Legislators from the state have also helped guide CSG's efforts as members and chairs of policy committees.



**POLICY COMMITTEES:** The Midwestern Legislative Conference supports six policy committees designed to help legislators share ideas and best practices: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Criminal Justice and Public Safety; Economic Development; Education; Health and Human Services; and Midwest-Canada Relations.



**IN-STATE TRAINING:** Our Under the Dome initiative brings customized professional development and policy training to the region's capitols. In recent years, we've convened policy workshops in Wisconsin on health and well-being and on the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes. CSG has also sponsored professional development workshops on civil discourse and media relations.



**GREAT LAKES-SAINT LAWRENCE LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS (GLLC):** CSG Midwest provides staff support to the GLLC, which is composed of legislators from all 10 Great Lakes states and provinces. The caucus's mission is to promote the restoration and protection of the Great Lakes. Forty-seven Wisconsin legislators are members of the GLLC.



**STATELINE MIDWEST AND CAPITOL IDEAS:** As part of your membership in CSG, you receive copies by mail and email of our monthly publication, *Stateline Midwest*, and our national magazine, *Capitol Ideas*. Back issues of these and other publications are available on our website.



**REFERENCE MATERIALS:** Each year, CSG publishes *The Book of the States*, a comprehensive encyclopedia of state government that includes data, tables and policy articles by experts in a variety of fields.



**POLICY PROGRAMS:** CSG has a number of programs and resources designed to help states share information, ideas and best practices regarding common challenges. Visit www.csg.org to learn more about CSG's National Center for Interstate Compacts, the Justice Center, policy academy series and other policy programs.



**RESEARCH ASSISTANCE:** Our goal is to help provide you with the information you need to reach your goals. CSG Midwest staff has assisted Wisconsin legislators with research on topics such as dense breast tissue notification laws, regulations on college course content, teaching certification and licensing provisions and wheel taxes. Our policy researchers are always available upon request. Contact Jon Davis at <a href="mailto:idavis@csg.org">idavis@csg.org</a>.



**CONTACT US!** If you would like additional information on any of CSG Midwest's membership services, please contact us at 630.925.1922 or <a href="mailto:csgm@csg.org">csgm@csg.org</a>.













# 26th Annual **BOWHAY INSTITUTE** for **LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**JULY 30 - AUGUST 3, 2021 | MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Application deadline: April 9, 2021





Illinois | Indiana | Iowa | Kansas | Michigan | Minnesota | Nebraska | North Dakota | Ohio | Saskatchewan | South Dakota | Wisconsin

Affiliate Members: Alberta | Manitoba | Ontario

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University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs Center for the Study of Politics and Governance "BILLD is a fantastic opportunity to grow and share."

Rep. Catherine Ingram, Ohio Class of 2018 "This program will cause you to think, reflect, and become not only a better legislator, but a better person."

> Sen. Suzanne Geist, Nebraska Class of 2018

"You will leave better informed and better prepared to make a true impact on your chamber, your legislative body, and your community."

> Sen. Elgie Sims Jr., Illinois Class of 2014





# WHY APPLY FOR A BILLD FELLOWSHIP?

**DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS** BILLD is the only leadership institute designed exclusively for Midwestern legislators. Through a series of interactive workshops, the Bowhay Institute provides training to develop and sharpen the skills you need to be a more effective legislative leader.

# IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING OF KEY REGIONAL PUBLIC POLICIES By

focusing on the most important issues that state policymakers face today, scholars from the University

of Minnesota and outside experts provide a context for you to effectively analyze policies and programs, evaluate information that you receive, and communicate successfully with constituents and colleagues.

**NETWORK WITH THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST** As a BILLD Fellow, you will be joined by some of the most promising new legislators from across the region. You will have the chance to share your knowledge, learn from one another's experiences, and forge relationships that will last long beyond your time in Minneapolis.



# WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Midwestern legislators in their first four years of legislative service are eligible to apply. Fellowships are awarded based on an applicant's ability to demonstrate leadership potential, dedication to public service, and commitment to the legislative process and institution. Through a competitive application process, fellowships are awarded annually to Midwestern lawmakers from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

"BILLD is an opportunity for making meaningful connections and to exchange best practices to support your legislature."

> Rep. Ruth Richardson, Minnesota Class of 2019

"The best opportunity you will ever have to meet peers from other states and gain valuable insights into better serving the public."

> Sen. Brad Bekkedahl, North Dakota Class of 2017

"It's a must-do program for any new legislator wanting a better understanding of how to navigate complex systems and become a better legislator."









# HOW TO APPLY FOR A BILLD FELLOWSHIP

In addition to the application form contained in this packet, each applicant must submit two letters of recommendation, a current résumé, and a written essay. Please follow the guidelines in the "Application Components" section when completing and submitting the required materials.

All application materials must be received by CSG Midwest no later than April 9, 2021. <u>Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered</u>. You will receive confirmation of the receipt of your application materials via email.

Visit csgmidwest.org to apply online.

# ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

- Midwestern legislators are awarded Fellowships through a competitive, nonpartisan process by the BILLD Steering Committee a bipartisan group of legislators from each state in the region.
- Each BILLD Fellowship covers the cost of tuition, lodging, and meals.
- CSG Midwest offers financial assistance for travel to and from Minneapolis. All Fellows will be eligible for a stipend that covers a portion of their travel costs.
- Attendance at BILLD is limited to BILLD Fellows, BILLD staff, and invited guests.
- Applicants will be notified of the Steering Committee's decisions in mid-May.
- In order to maintain the integrity of the program, and as a professional courtesy to colleagues, individuals awarded Fellowships must confirm their attendance for the entire BILLD program. BILLD Fellows are expected to arrive by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30, and depart on the morning of Wednesday, August 4. The BILLD Steering Committee reserves the right to withdraw the Fellowship of any participant unable to commit to being present for the entire program.

# LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Visit the CSG Midwest website (*csgmidwest.org*) for more information about the Bowhay Institute, including lists of past Fellows and a sample agenda.

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"It is more than just a conference. It's a program where you grow and that will make you challenge yourself."

> Rep. Tory Marie Arnberger, Kansas Class of 2019

"An enriching, must-do experience for any new legislator."

Sen. Don Harmon, Illinois Class of 2005 "One of the best professional development and personal improvement leadership workshops you can find."



# **APPLICATION COMPONENTS**

Completed BILLD applications must be received by CSG Midwest no later than April 9.

Please make sure that you have submitted each of the following components of your application. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered. You will receive confirmation of the receipt of your application materials via email message.

- **(1) APPLICATION FORM** Complete the application form contained in this packet or apply online at *csgmidwest.org*.
- **(2) WRITTEN ESSAY** Describe your qualifications for receiving a BILLD Fellowship by answering the following questions. <u>Your essay must be limited to two typed pages</u>.
  - a. What is the policy area of greatest interest to you, and what role do you play or expect to play in addressing it?
  - b. What is your most significant legislative accomplishment or skill that demonstrates your ability as a legislator?
  - c. What is your most significant personal or professional accomplishment outside the legislative arena that demonstrates your commitment to public service?
  - d. There are a number of ways to exercise leadership. How would you describe your personal leadership style, and how do you effectively demonstrate leadership in the legislature?

- (3) CURRENT RÉSUMÉ Your résumé must be limited to two typed pages and include the following information, as applicable. Please use bullet points rather than paragraph format.
  - Legislative background (first elected/ appointed; number of years of legislative service)
  - Legislative committees on which you currently serve
  - Current and/or previous leadership roles in the legislature
  - Prior elected office(s)
  - Community service/volunteer activities
  - Occupational and educational background

# (4) TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Submit two personalized letters of recommendation, written by state legislative colleagues and/or graduates of the Bowhay Institute (please note that members of the BILLD Steering Committee are not permitted to write letters of recommendation). Do not submit more than the two required letters of recommendation, as only two letters will be considered by the Steering Committee.









# 2021 BILLD APPLICATION



# **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name	☐ Representative ☐ Senator
Month and year first elected/appointed to state legislature* * List the month and year that the general election was held or that the appointment was made. Indicate if you were elected in a special election.	□ Elected □ Appointed
Preferred mailing address	
Home address (if different)	
Capitol phone Business pho	
Cell phone Home phone	e
Email address	
Alternate/staff email address	
APPLICATION CHECKLIST: DUE APRIL 9 Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered	
To be considered for a BILLD Fellowship, make sure your application includes the following materials. See the "Application Components" section for complete details and instructions.	
<ul><li>Application form</li><li>Written essay</li></ul>	
Résumé/biographical information	
Two letters of recommendation (please list names a	and titles)
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# **HOW TO APPLY**

MAIL

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**EMAIL** billd@csg.org

# THE BOWHAY INSTITUTE

This summer, 39 legislators from the Midwest will gather in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the 26th annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD). This select group of lawmakers will receive training to enhance their leadership skills and will analyze some of the most significant policy issues that states face today. Participation in the Bowhay Institute is a unique opportunity to learn with the best and brightest new legislators from across the region.

The Midwestern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments is pleased to invite you to apply for a 2021 BILLD Fellowship. By applying, you will have the chance to join the ranks of more than 875 regional legislators who have successfully completed this program since 1995. If you strive to be an effective leader, an informed decision maker, and an astute policy analyst, BILLD is the program for you.

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# THE HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota ranks among the country's top 10 professional public policy and planning schools. The school is noted for equipping students to play key roles in public life at the local, state, national, and global levels and offers six distinctive master's degrees, a doctoral degree, and five certificate programs. The school's Center for the Study of Politics and Governance works across party lines to develop practical information and solutions to pressing political and policy challenges. The center strives to increase public understanding of politics through research relevant to policymakers, and by serving as a resource to the media and citizens on important policy issues. It convenes public events with policymakers as well as experts on American politics and public policy.



HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



# **WISCONSIN BILLD ALUMNI, 1995-2019**

# 2019

Rep. Kaylan Haywood Fmr. Sen. Patty Schachtner Rep. Robert Wittke

# 2018

Sen. Patrick Testin Rep. Ron Tusler

#### 2017

Rep. David Bowen Rep. Mark Spreitzer Rep. Nancy L. VanderMeer

## 2016

Fmr. Rep. Mike K. Rohrkaste Rep. Lisa B. Subeck

# 2015

Rep. Evan C. Goyke Rep. Jessie Rodriguez Fmr. Rep. Amanda Stuck

#### 2014

Rep. Amy Loudenbeck Rep. Adam Neylon Sen. Melissa Sargent

# 2013

Sen. Mary (Czaja) Felzkowski Sen. La Tonya A. Johnson Sen. Janis Ringhand

# 2012

Rep. Jill Billings Fmr. Sen. Paul Farrow Rep. Mike Kuglitsch

#### 2011

Fmr. Sen. Pam Galloway Sen. Howard Marklein Fmr. Rep. JoCasta Zamarripa

#### 2010

Fmr. Sen. Randy Hopper Fmr. Rep. Andy Jorgensen Fmr. Rep. Keith Ripp

## 2009

Fmr. Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber Fmr. Rep. Sandy Pasch Sen. Kelda Helen Roys

#### 2008

Rep. Gary A. Hebl Fmr. Rep. Ann Hraychuck Fmr. Sen. Pat Kreitlow Fmr. Rep. Jim Ott

# 2007

Sen. Joan A. Ballweg Fmr. Rep. Louis J. Molepske, Jr. Sen. Lena C. Taylor

## 2006

Fmr. Rep. Chuck Benedict Fmr. Rep. Donna J. Seidel Fmr. Rep. Pat Strachota Fmr. Rep. Barbara L. Toles

# 2005

Fmr. Rep. Jason M. Fields Fmr. Sen. Terry Moulton Fmr. Rep. Mary Williams

#### 2004

Fmr. Rep. Mark Honadel Fmr. Rep. Ann M. Nischke

#### 2003

Rep. Sondy Pope Fmr. Rep. Amy Sue Vruwink Fmr. Sen. Leah Vukmir

#### 2002

Fmr. Rep. Donald Friske Fmr. Rep. Jean Hundertmark Fmr. Rep. Terri McCormick

## 2001

Fmr. Rep. Kitty Rhoades Fmr. Sen. Jennifer Shilling Rep. Christine Sinicki

#### 2000

Fmr. Rep. Steve Kestell Fmr. Rep. Jon Richards Fmr. Rep. Jeff Stone

#### 1999

Fmr. Sen. Mary Lazich Fmr. Sen. Mark Miller Fmr. Rep. Joan Wade

#### 1997

Fmr. Rep. Tom Hebl Fmr. Rep. Suzanne Jeskewitz Fmr. Sen. Neal J. Kedzie

# 1996

Fmr. Rep. Tammy Baldwin Fmr. Sen. Luther Olsen

#### 1995

Sen. Alberta Darling Fmr. Rep. Carol Kelso Fmr. Rep. William Murat

