



28TH ANNUAL BILLD PROGRAM

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2023 BILLD PROGRAM | APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2023

The BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD) is the only leadership training program designed exclusively for Midwestern legislators. BILLD helps newer legislators develop the skills necessary to become effective leaders, informed decision-makers, and astute policy analysts. The program offers a unique opportunity for lawmakers to improve their leadership skills and explore the issues of the day with nationally renowned scholars, professional development experts, and legislative leaders and colleagues from across the region.

“Participating in the BILLD program is a tremendous asset for legislators across the Midwest who want to better state government.”

*Rep. Susan Manchester, Ohio
Class of 2022*

APPLYING FOR A FELLOWSHIP Midwestern legislators in their first four years of legislative service are encouraged 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 the competitive application process, fellowships are awarded to Midwestern lawmakers from the Midwestern states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Each fellowship covers the cost of tuition, lodging and meals related to attending the five-day Institute. Fellows are also eligible for a travel stipend to help cover a portion of their travel costs.

“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*

THE CURRICULUM

The highly interactive curriculum, which is designed for legislators in their first four years of service, includes a series of leadership training courses, policymaking seminars and professional development workshops.

The select group of Midwestern lawmakers develop and enhance their leadership skills and explore policymaking strategies while examining some of the most significant issues of the day.

THE BILLD CLASS

Fellowships for the annual Bowhay Institute are awarded through a competitive, non-partisan selection process, which is overseen by a panel of Midwestern legislators who serve on the BILLD Steering Committee. This year, 39 lawmakers, representing 11 Midwestern states and four Canadian provinces, will receive fellowships to attend the summer Institute. Participation in the Bowhay Institute is a unique opportunity to learn with the best and brightest new legislators from the Midwest.

“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*

PROGRAM HOST The Council of State Governments’ Midwestern Legislative Conference conducts the annual Bowhay Institute. CSG Midwest uses its extensive regional network to tap into the expertise of top academic scholars in a variety of policy areas, as well as that of professional development trainers and current and former Midwestern legislative leaders.



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WISCONSIN BILLD ALUMNI

2022

Rep. Samba Baldeh
Sen. Julian Bradley
Rep. Jodi Emerson

2021

Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guevara
Sen. Jesse James
Rep. Shelia Stubbs

2019

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

2018

Sen. Patrick Testin
Rep. Ron Tusler

2017

Fmr. Rep. David Bowen
Sen. 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

Sen. Melissa (Sargent) Agard
Fmr. Rep. Amy Loudenbeck
Rep. Adam Neylon

2013

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

2012

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

Fmr. 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

Fmr. 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

current as of: 11/21/2022