



The Prichard Committee

Building a Groundswell for a Big Bold Future

Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (CIPL) *FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION*

About the Fellowship

The Prichard Committee's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (CIPL) builds strong partnerships between families, schools, and communities to improve Kentucky's education outcomes.

As a CIPL Fellow, you'll grow as a partner, co-creator, and decision maker in education. You'll build the skills and confidence to move from advocating just for your own child to making a difference for all children in your school, your community, and across Kentucky.

You'll learn how schools and education systems work, connect with other families, and develop a project that helps all students succeed. Together, we make sure families have a seat at every table where decisions are made.

How It Works

- Attend in-person cohort sessions in Covington, Lexington, Louisville, OR complete a self-paced online module.
- Develop and complete a project that supports student success.
- Stay connected through our Family Forums, Alumni Network opportunities, and statewide events.

Who Should Apply

Parents, grandparents, caregivers, and community members who:

- Want to build leadership skills and confidence
- Believe families should help shape schools and policies
- Are ready to move from advocating for one child to all children in Kentucky

How to Apply

- **Application Deadline:** See below for application deadlines based on location.
- Email your completed application to: laura.beard@prichardcommittee.org or mail to:

*The Prichard Committee
2285 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505*



You can also apply online at: prichardcommittee.org/commonwealth-institute-for-parent-leadership/

Before Beginning the Application Please Read:

Fellows complete the course content and training in one of two ways:

➔ Option 1: In-Person Leadership Institute Track

Attend a two-day leadership institute. See below for the following locations you can choose from:

- **Lexington:** September 26, 2026 - *Application deadline by September 20, 2026*
- **Covington:** October 17, 2026 - *Application deadline by October 13th, 2026*
- **Louisville:** November 14, 2026 - *Application deadline by November 10, 2026*
- **Special Opportunity:**
 - English Language Learning (ELL) Cohorts will also be offered through the Driving Possibilities Initiative for families in Scott, Fayette, and the Promise Neighborhood Initiative in Warren County.
 - (Check back as additional dates may be added and locations may be added)

➔ Option 2: Self-Paced Online Track

Complete a series of online leadership modules and activities at your own pace (access to online modules begins **October 1st**). *Apply at any time. Deadline for all requirements to be met by May 15th 2027.*

In addition to either course option you will be required to:

- Attend a CIPL Orientation Webinar
- Participate in **monthly coaching calls**
- Attend **two required networking events (this will be discussed in orientation)**

BEGIN FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

School District: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age of children and schools they attend: _____

Tell Us About Yourself:

1. Why do you want to become a CIPL Fellow?

2. How are you currently involved in your child's school or community?

3. Which option do you prefer? (Check one)

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In-person cohort (Covington, Lexington, or Louisville locations)

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Multi-Lingual Option for families in Scott, Fayette or Warren Counties

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Self-paced online module - *Apply at any time. Deadline for all requirements to be met by May 15th 2027.*

Next Steps:

Once we receive your application, we'll follow up with next steps and help you get ready to start your leadership journey. We can't wait to see how you'll help lead for all children in Kentucky!

- Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence — Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership