

LEADERSHIP|SD

HARRIS COUNTY

CIVIC VOICES FELLOWSHIP

Help us build a future where public education offers hope and opportunity to all children.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our Fellowships are built to equip you with the knowledge, connections, and skills to influence systemic change in education. Our programs cultivate effective citizen-advocates and policymakers who:

- **believe in their power to ensure a quality education for all students**
- **have a strong understanding of the local & state-level education system**
- **apply an equity framework to dismantle institutional disparities**
- **support each other through a mission-aligned network**
- **exercise influence to create social change**

At each monthly session you will have the opportunity to build relationships with your cohort members, hear from stakeholders and practitioners, review current events and best practices, and explore existing or potential policy levers to eliminate disparities and improve student outcomes.

2018-19 SEMINAR DATES

August 10 & 11, 2018: State of Education in Houston and Texas

September 14, 2018: Power and Influence in Education

October 12, 2018: Unraveling the School Finance Web

November 9, 2018: Complexities of Assessment & Accountability

December 7, 2018: Emotional Health in the Education System

January 18, 2019: Leveraging our Human Capital

February 8, 2019: Policy and Advocacy workshop #1

March 8, 2019: Policy and Advocacy workshop #2

April 12, 2019: Policy and Advocacy workshop #3

May 10, 2019: Continuing Your Impact as an LISD Alum

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PROGRAM COMMITMENTS

Engage in monthly sessions

Sessions runs from 9am-4pm. Includes about 2 hours of pre-reading materials.

Attend a school board meeting

Held at school district offices each month.

Participate on an action team

3-5 hours per month helping to propose, pass, or evaluate a policy.

Attend three campus visits

Over 20 opportunities will be offered throughout the program

AN IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

- Passionately defends the potential of all kids
- Has demonstrated leadership ability and commitment to civic engagement
- Employs creativity and purposeful obstinance in the face of challenges
- Views discomfort as a natural precursor to growth
- Willingly explores the implications of race and poverty on educational outcomes

MEET A HARRIS COUNTY FELLOW



WINFORD ADAMS - HARRIS ' 18

Paid profession: Public Information and Policy Manager

Chosen civic profession: School Board Trustee

In his words: *"The Fellowship gave me the opportunity to hear from different perspectives on key issues in the fight for educational equity. I've been pleased that different leadership networks in the Houston community have come together through this process. As I embark on my position as a School Board Trustee, I feel I am better equipped to talk about the issues LISD has exposed me to."*

PROGRAM TUITION

Tuition is \$1,500 per participant or \$1,000 for nonprofit organizations. A limited number of needs-based scholarships are available.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 29, 2018