



Donnell-Kay Foundation Fellowship Program

For over a decade, the Donnell-Kay Foundation has been working to improve education policy in Colorado. Now, the Foundation is looking for smart, passionate, and reform-minded individuals committed to improving public education in this state to participate in a fellowship sponsored by the Foundation. In particular, the Foundation seeks emerging leaders who will actively contribute to its mission of providing solid research, creative dialogue, and critical thinking in the education arena.

Fellows will spend a majority of their time immersing themselves in Colorado's education system. The projects Fellows undertake will incorporate their individual interests, while simultaneously advancing the research and policy priorities of the Foundation. Exposure to a wide range of issues and complex policy problems will deepen the Fellow's understanding of varying philosophies and policy angles. Ultimately, the Fellow will gain great insight into Colorado's education landscape.

The Donnell-Kay Foundation prides itself on being a connector of individuals and organizations, and enabling dialogue to move ideas forward. Fellows will be invited to participate in many of these discussions, allowing them to talk about innovative proposals face-to-face with local and national policy makers.

Critical thinking is the driving force behind the Donnell-Kay Foundation. The staff at the Foundation will push the Fellow to think more deeply and creatively about everyday policy issues, all with the goal of developing and strengthening their ability to think outside the box.

The Donnell-Kay Foundation Fellowship exposes Fellows to a wide range of policy issues, individuals, and organizations making an impact on Colorado's public education system. By working with the Foundation, Fellows will have the opportunity to expand their network and build a strong knowledge-base about education policy.

If you have any questions about the Fellowship not listed on the website or adjacent pages, please contact Claudia Winkler at cwinkler@dkfoundation.org.



Eligibility

- Applicants must have completed or be currently enrolled in a graduate program.
- Applicants must have a strong interest in improving public education.
- Applicants should demonstrate strong leadership potential, the ability to work as a member of a team, and the desire to learn new skills.
- Applicants must possess strong verbal and writing skills.
- Applicants must possess research and information-synthesis skills.
- Applicants should have a strong understanding of computer systems and programs such as Excel.
- Applicants must demonstrate personal initiative and determination.

Support

- Fellowships will be a minimum of three months and up to one year in length, with the potential for renewal.
- Fellows will receive a \$2,000/month stipend and a regional public transportation pass.
- Fellowships may be supplemented by university or department awards and tuition waivers.

Benefits

- Develop a heightened understanding of education policy.
- Assist with research and lead research projects.
- Hone communications and advocacy skills.
- Develop leadership potential.
- Engage and interact with local and national policy makers.
- Expand network of professional colleagues.
- Attend special events, meetings and seminars.

Application Procedure

A completed application must include the following (if emailing, format must be PDF):

- Application Form – Submit one copy of completed application
- Resume
- References – Provide at least two letters of recommendation, either from professors or employers who are familiar with your work.

Application materials can be either emailed to: **cwinkler@dkfoundation.org**

or mailed to: **Donnell-Kay Foundation**
Attn: Fellowship
730 17th Street, Suite 950
Denver, CO 80202



About The Donnell-Kay Foundation

The Donnell-Kay Foundation improves public education and drives systemic school reform in Colorado through solid research, creative dialogue and critical thinking.

In order to build a strong future for Colorado, we must provide a high quality education for all our students. The Foundation focuses on funding systemic reform and state level policy in the areas of early childhood, K-12, and higher education.

The Foundation also provides operating and program funding to school districts and non-profit organizations statewide - with a focus on urban schools in metro-Denver.

The Donnell-Kay Foundation is a private family foundation that operates as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and was incorporated in 1965 through a trust by the Kay family. The board of trustees is led by Allen Dines, a former Colorado state legislator, who has an abiding interest in improving public education. The Executive Director is Tony Lewis.

Annually, the Foundation provides approximately \$1.5 million to support education improvement and reform efforts in Colorado.

More information about the Foundation and its work can be found at www.dkfoundation.org.