

# DISTRICT LEADERS NETWORK FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE-LEARNING



## *A Call for Applicants*

In 2006 the ECS National Center for Learning and Citizenship, in cooperation with the National School Boards Association and the American Association of School Administrators, created a national network of *District Leaders for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning*.

This network of district superintendents and school board members from across the nation is committed to high-quality citizenship education, engaging and mentoring other leaders to support effective and sustainable civic education and service-learning for every student. Leaders selected for the network engage in service and scholarship to promote these ideals.

ECS has supported networking and meetings of members since 2006. The network is now seeking additional district leaders to join the *District Leaders Network for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning* to take this work to scale.

To learn more about the work of the National Center for Learning and Citizenship, visit [www.ecs.org/nclc](http://www.ecs.org/nclc).

# Step Up to Serve

Join a network of committed superintendents and school board members willing to engage in a national leadership network to promote civic engagement for all students.

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**PURPOSE:** Strong leadership at both the state and district levels is needed to support effective citizenship education in the nation's schools. The *District Leaders for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning* network is created to provide a national voice to support citizenship education and to help strengthen the commitment of leaders as they share and learn from one another's efforts to create and foster effective citizenship education in school districts throughout the nation.

**BENEFITS:** Several times each year, selected leaders will have the opportunity to join a cadre of like-minded leaders committed to citizenship and service, and to engage in a learning community to exchange information and strategies, while creating a national movement for citizenship and service. Leaders will have access to a school citizenship education climate assessment tool along with printed materials, web publications and technical assistance to assist them as they support citizenship and service within their school or district. Network members will be provided a modest travel stipend to attend annual network meetings

**EXPECTATIONS:** Network members will be expected to contribute at least one article/op-ed in a local, regional or national publication, make presentations to their peers through their professional association conferences (at local, regional or national level) on at least three occasions each year, share strategies, resources and practices leading to student achievement and success, and contribute to ECS' focus on policy, leadership and implementation of quality service-learning.

**APPLICANT CRITERIA:** District superintendents and school board members who exemplify the highest ideals of supporting and promoting civic engagement in their schools and communities are eligible to apply. Leaders will be chosen on the basis of the concrete steps they have taken to develop and support systems that educate students to be both academically proficient and civically engaged. Network leaders must be willing to further engage other leaders in advancing this work.

*Selected leaders will have been successful in one or more of the following areas:*

1. Leaders who have demonstrated commitment to high-quality citizenship education that teaches young people how to take charge of their own learning and to become responsible, informed and engaged citizens.
2. Leaders who have sharpened the mission of our schools to make sure they include school-wide opportunities to acquire and enhance the knowledge, dispositions, virtues and skills of responsible citizenship.
3. Leaders who have created school practices and policies where civic knowledge and engagement are integral to the broader academic mission of the school/district.
4. Leaders who have the ability and willingness to articulate and advocate for the civic mission of American education.
5. Leaders who are willing to work with their state affiliates of NSBA and AASA to share information and encourage them to adopt the civic mission of schools as a priority.

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## APPLICATION FORM

Please complete Parts 1 and 2, and submit to ECS as instructed below.

### PART 1: Applicant Information

- School Board Member  
 Superintendent

School District

School District Address City ST Zip code

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Address City ST Zip code

e-mail

Phone Number

**PART 2: Applicant Narrative: Please address your qualifications and potential for contributions as outlined below.**

**A**

#### Applicant's Qualifications (up to ½ page)

- ♣ Provide specific background and examples of how the applicant has demonstrated support for high-quality citizenship education within the district and/or state
- ♣ Indicate impact on students, teachers, school and community
- ♣ Indicate impact on educational practice and/or policy
- ♣ Discuss briefly any additional factors you feel are important for consideration
- ♣ Testimonials, quotes and other supporting materials are optional.

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#### Potential for Contribution at the National Level (up to ½ page)

- ♣ Provide evidence of applicant's ability/willingness to contribute to the network of *District Leaders for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning*
- ♣ Provide examples of how the national network will benefit from the applicant's experience, as documented in Section A.

### Directions for Submitting Applications

Mail completed applications to: Education Commission of the States  
Attention: Lisa Guilfoile  
700 Broadway, Suite 810  
Denver, CO 80203-3442

Applications may also be submitted via email to [lguilfoile@ecs.org](mailto:lguilfoile@ecs.org).  
For additional information, contact Lisa Guilfoile at 303-299-3690.