



Bridge Fellowship 2023-24 - Recommendation Form

Dear Recommender,

You have been asked to provide a recommendation for someone who is applying to become a Bridge Fellow. The Bridge Fellowship is a paid fellowship for persons of color or women who are preferably serving as an assistant principal or in another school leadership position in the state of Illinois. The program is designed for individuals who already have a principal endorsement on their license and have been in their school for at least one year. The goal of the Fellowship program is to enable Fellows to successfully apply in the 2023-24 school year for a principal position starting in the 2024-25 school year. The Bridge Project is supported by Illinois Lead Hubs and WestEd through a grant from the US Department of Education.

Fellows will receive guidance and tools that enable them to lead a team of teachers through a learning cycle focused on ELA or Math and to complete a project aimed at developing students' social emotional learning skills. Fellows will receive coaching support to help them tailor their projects to the needs of their school. Principals of fellows will also be invited to participate a professional learning community of principals, during which they will share lessons learned and access additional resources related to building leadership capacity of staff. Additional information about the Bridge Fellowship, including FAQs, can be found [here](#).

Please sign your name below to offer your recommendation.

I hereby recommend _____ to the 2023-24 Bridge Fellowship program. I have worked with the applicant in a professional setting and believe they have the potential (with support from the Bridge Fellowship) to be a principal by the 2024-25 school year.

Additional comments (optional): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Relationship (e.g., supervisor, professor, etc.): _____