

Nominations Now Open for the 2025 Academy Cohort!

The **Leadership, Policy & Governance Academy** is a premier professional fellowship dedicated to **elevating regional leadership, fostering thoughtful public policy, and upholding the integrity of governance** for Colorado's rural communities. Our goal? To **strengthen our collective voice and enhance our effectiveness in public service.**

Building a Deeper Bench of Leaders

Through high-level executive training, Academy Fellows will:

- ◆ **Become skilled policy advocates** who drive real solutions
- ◆ **Engage directly with state & federal legislators** in meaningful ways
- ◆ **Develop the leadership tools** needed to serve effectively

Who Should Apply?

The **ideal candidate** for the Leadership, Policy & Governance Academy is someone who is:

An Emerging or Established Leader – Already engaged in leadership roles within their community, nonprofit organizations, local government, business, or advocacy groups.

Committed to Public Service – Passionate about making a lasting impact in rural Colorado through thoughtful policy, governance, and leadership.

An Action Colorado Member (or Willing to Join) – Fellows must be nominated by a current ActionCO member and demonstrate active involvement in their community.

Ready to Develop Advanced Leadership Skills – Interested in high-level executive training, policy advocacy, and direct engagement with state and federal lawmakers.

Dedicated to Strengthening Rural Communities – Committed to addressing challenges and driving solutions for rural Colorado through informed leadership.

This program is perfect for **city and county officials, nonprofit leaders, business executives, young professionals, educators, and community advocates** who want to expand their influence and make a real difference.

Fellows must be **nominated by an Action Colorado member** and submit:

- ✓ A nominee bio
- ✓ A letter of intent
- ✓ A resume
- ✓ At least one reference from an ActionCO member

Academy Curriculum

Fellows will gain mastery of **seven key areas**, taught by **Colorado's top subject matter experts** and in partnership with **higher education institutions** to ensure undergraduate and graduate-level rigor:

-  **March** – Orientation, Non-Profit Administration & Organizational Leadership
-  **April** – Colorado Legislative Process
-  **May** – Energy Policy
-  **June** – Safety, Security & Risk Management + Media Training & Personal Branding
-  **August** – Colorado Fiscal Policy & Bill Writing
-  **September** – Local Governments in Colorado & Bill Finalization
-  **October** – Federal Legislative Policy

Logistics & Outcomes

Commitment: Two in-person meetings per month (four dates will be offered; Fellows must attend two)

Work Product:

1. Write and submit a bill for introduction
2. Provide testimony on a legislative bill
3. Plan and execute a community impact event

Legacy: Fellows will serve as mentors for future Academy classes

Enrollment Requirements & Cost

-  Must be a **current ActionCO member in good standing**
-  Must demonstrate **an active leadership role** in the ActionCO community
-  Tuition: **\$5,000** (includes up to **six credit hours with CSU Systems**)
-  **Payment plans and scholarship opportunities available**—contact us for details
-  **Spots are limited**—nominate a leader today!

 <https://www.actioncolorado.org/copy-of-leadership-academy>

#LeadWithAction #FutureLeaders #ActionColorado #MakingActionHappen