

ARIZONA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION/ AEF

Founded in 1983, AEF's mission is to *develop and celebrate excellence in PreK-12 public education in Arizona through community partnerships*. AEF administers four additional programs: A+ School Recognition; Arizona Teacher of the Year; State Spelling Bee; and Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest. Through its high quality, well known and sought after programs, AEF fosters and promotes excellence in education.

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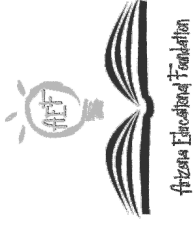
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TIMELINE

All-day **PLAA** classes are held monthly on Saturdays beginning in September and ending in April (no December or May classes), followed by a week-long session in June. Specific dates and times for the upcoming session are found at <http://www.azedfoundation.org/principals-leadership.php>

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

PLAA curriculum is grounded in current research and the ISLLC (Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium) Standards for School Leaders developed by Chief Council of State School Officers. Each participant selects a detailed strategic initiative that is developed throughout the course of the Academy and implemented at their school the following academic year. Classes, study sessions, and strategic initiatives will focus on strengthening participants' leadership skills and enhancing an educational leader's ability in:

- Facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community;
- Advocating, nurturing, and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth;
- Ensuring management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment;
- Collaborating with families and community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources;
- Acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner;
- Understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

MISSION of PLAA

The **PLAA** effectively supports new and aspiring principals in PreK-12 Arizona schools as they enhance their ability to lead their school communities to excellence and prepare their students for success in the 21st century. Upon completion of AEF's Principals' Leadership Academy, principals will have a heightened understanding of and ability to apply professional practice, concepts, and values in learning, leadership, and policy.

HISTORY & OVERVIEW

The **PLAA** was founded in 2008 in response to a shared belief by the Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF), Argosy University and numerous public school districts in Arizona that aspiring and 1st & 2nd year principals will benefit from and become stronger leaders of 21st century schools through a leadership training program that includes 5 Cs: Cohort, Collegiality, Continuity, Community, and Collaboration. Academy facilitators include but are not limited to University faculty, AEF A+ School principals, the AEF Board of Directors, and outside experts. **PLAA** participants have direct access to A+ award-winning principals, and leaders in education and business; they may utilize them as a resource during and beyond the Academy.

APPLICATION/SELECTION PROCESS

Applications are available at: <http://www.azedfoundation.org/pla-application.php>. Each applicant is asked to submit an application, a letter of recommendation and a resume. Class size at the Academy is limited. Every effort is made to create a diverse cohort at the **PLAA**.

COST

Tuition costs of \$1,000 include all texts and materials necessary for the course. Contact the Arizona Educational Foundation for scholarship opportunities.

CREDIT

Upon successful completion of the **PLAA**, participants are eligible for six graduate credit hours via concurrent enrollment at Argosy University/Phoenix. In addition, 120 recertification hours will be issued to participants upon graduation from the **PLAA**.



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