

Applications Sought for KY LEADS Academy



The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is seeking applications for the fourth cohort of the Kentucky Leading, Educating, and Advocating for Directors of Special Education (LEADS) Academy. KY LEADS is designed to improve outcomes for children with disabilities by facilitating systemic change and increasing the number and capacity of certified Directors of Special Education (DoSEs). Academy implementation is supported by a partnership with Morehead State University, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, Part C Early Intervention Services, the Kentucky Parent Training and Information Center, and the Kentucky Department of Education.

If selected, the Kentucky LEADS Academy scholars will receive tuition reimbursement made possible by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Eligible candidates must be:

- Enrolled in Morehead State University, Western Kentucky University, or Murray State University (currently or within the next 3 months);
- Available to participate in monthly Saturday Seminars and professional learning communities;
- Pursuing a Director of Special Education (DoSE) certification; and,
- Willing to serve as a mentor to future academy participants aspiring for leadership experience and support.

Completed applications are due to the Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) by June 2, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Atkins at: rebecca.atkins-stumbo@education.ky.gov.

You may also wish to visit the project website at <https://education.ky.gov/specialed/Pages/KentuckyLEADSacademy.aspx>.