NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2022
FROM SOUTHERN STATE LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, EXECUTIVE, AND AGENCY STAFF

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED TO SELECTED APPLICANTS, COVERING THE COST OF TUITION, TRAVEL, LODGING, AND MEALS.

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THE STAFF ACADEMY FOR GOVERNMENTAL EXCELLENCE® (SAGE) is a professional leadership development program for Southern state legislative, judicial, executive and agency staff. In addition to developing their personal and professional leadership skills, participants can build a network of peers from across the Southern region. By shaping staff leaders, SAGE ultimately aims to provide the public with more effective state governments.

The nation’s only regionally focused leadership development program for state government staff, SAGE is rooted in The Council of State Government Southern Office’s (CSG South) proud legacy of providing exemplary leadership training to elected and appointed state officials. SAGE is designed to equip emerging and aspiring staff leaders with the tools necessary to excel in navigating the unique dynamics of career public service and to build a vast roster of highly skilled future leaders among state government staff.

Eligibility
Applications will be accepted from early and mid-career state legislative, judicial, executive, and agency staff in CSG South’s 15 member states, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Applicants must be continuously employed in state government for at least three years.

Selection Criteria
Successful applicants must demonstrate:
- **Motivation** for personal and professional growth
- **Dedication** to public service
- **Commitment** to improving processes in their governmental branch
- **Desire** to foster a culture of diversity and excellence

**Venue**
The 2022 SAGE program will be held at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center in the heart of Atlanta’s vibrant Technology Square neighborhood.

**APPLY ONLINE BY AUGUST 10, 2022**

**APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER REGARDING THE STATUS OF THEIR APPLICATION.**
Please note: SAGE is a classroom experience, not a conference. Because of the nature of the program and the importance of interaction among classmates, participating government staff must commit to attend the program in its entirety. Attendance at all SAGE events is limited to the selected participants. Spouses, guests, and children are not permitted to attend or accompany participants to the program.

For more information:
Visit csgsouth.org to learn more about the program and its history and to view the online application. For specific inquiries, please call (404) 633-1866 or email SAGE@csg.org.

Program Overview

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Application
Candidates must submit the following by August 10, 2022:
- A completed online application form available at csgsouth.org/leadership-development/SAGE
- A cover letter, addressed to Lindsey Gray, Director, stating the reasons you are interested in applying to SAGE
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a current supervisor and one from a current or former colleague/supervisor or SAGE Alumni
- A written biographical summary, limited to 150 words or fewer
- Answers to two application questions, limited to 150 words or fewer per question
- Current resume
- Current headshot
APPLY NOW TO BECOME A SAGE SCHOLAR
VISIT CSGSOUTH.ORG OR SCAN THIS CODE

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Full scholarships are awarded to selected applicants, covering the cost of tuition, travel, lodging, and meals.

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ESTABLISHED IN 1947, THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS SOUTHERN OFFICE (CSG SOUTH) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that exists to support members in all three branches of state government. At CSG South we act as an extension of state government, fostering the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy and create problem-solving partnerships.

The mission of CSG South is to promote and strengthen intergovernmental cooperation among its 15 member states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Predominantly, this is achieved through the ongoing work of CSG South’s six standing committees and supporting groups.

Legislative leadership, members, and staff depend on CSG South to identify and analyze solutions for the most prevalent and unique policy issues facing Southern state governments. We facilitate outreach in state capitols, leadership development, staff exchange programs, domestic and international policy delegations, and other efforts to support state policymakers and legislative staff in their work to build stronger, more successful states.

The Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) is the largest regional gathering of legislative members and staff. SLC boasts an array of well-established programs--focusing on both existing and emerging state government innovations and solutions--providing policymakers diverse opportunities to interact with policy experts and share their knowledge with colleagues.