The BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD) is the only leadership training program designed exclusively for Midwestern legislators. BILLD helps newer legislators develop the skills necessary to become effective leaders, informed decision-makers, and astute policy analysts. The program offers a unique opportunity for lawmakers to improve their leadership skills and explore the issues of the day with nationally renowned scholars, professional development experts, and legislative leaders and colleagues from across the region.

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The select group of Midwestern lawmakers develop and enhance their leadership skills and explore policymaking strategies by examining some of the most significant issues of the day.

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THE BILLD CLASS
Fellowships for the annual Bowhay Institute are awarded through a competitive, non-partisan selection process, which is overseen by a panel of Midwestern legislators who serve on the BILLD Steering Committee. Applicants are evaluated based on their leadership potential, dedication to public service and commitment to improving the legislative process. Thirty-nine lawmakers, representing 11 Midwestern states and four Canadian provinces, will receive fellowships to attend the 2021 program.

“This program will cause you to think, reflect, and become not only a better legislator, but a better person.”

Sen. Suzanne Geist, Nebraska
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The Council of State Governments’ Midwestern Legislative Conference will conduct the 26th annual Bowhay Institute in partnership with the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs. This collaboration allows the Institute to tap into the expertise of top academic scholars in a variety of policy areas. The Fellows also learn from professional development trainers and current and former Midwestern legislative leaders.

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