



## 2024 BILLD APPLICATION | LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

**THE BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD)** is a five-day, intensive educational opportunity for emerging leaders from the legislatures of 11 Midwestern states — Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin — and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

The 2024 program, which is presented by the Midwestern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments, will be held August 23-27, in Madison, Wisconsin. Designed for newer legislators in their first four years of service, the agenda includes a rigorous curriculum of policy analysis seminars, professional skills training, and leadership development workshops.

Each applicant must submit two letters of recommendation from legislative colleagues. Former legislators may write a letter of recommendation provided that they are an alumnus of the BILLD program. [Please note that members of the BILLD Steering Committee are not permitted to write letters of recommendation.]

In assessing a BILLD applicants, the Steering Committee looks qualifications in the following areas:

- Leadership potential
- Dedication to public service
- Commitment to civility and collaborative solutions
- Commitment to the legislative process
- Desire to strengthen the legislative institution

To the extent possible, please address these qualities in the candidate for whom you are writing a recommendation.

Applicant requesting letter: \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting letter from: \_\_\_\_\_

This form does not have to be submitted with the letter of recommendation.

Letters of recommendation can be submitted by the applicant, along with other application materials, or by the writer directly to the CSG Midwest staff via email ([billd@csq.org](mailto:billd@csq.org)) or fax (630.925.1930).

**PLEASE SUBMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION BY APRIL 15, 2024**

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