

Fellow Application Readiness

Self-Assessment — Not a Scored Quiz

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Why This Isn't a Scored Quiz

Spark, Catalyst, and Luminary each have a scored quiz because they certify specific, checkable knowledge and practice. Fellow certifies something a multiple-choice quiz can't meaningfully assess — sustained contribution and community standing, reviewed by a person, not a pass mark. This self-assessment is the honest equivalent: a tool to check you're genuinely ready to apply before you invest the ~8 hours the application takes.

HOW TO USE THIS

Work through each section honestly. If you can't check most items in a section, that's useful information — it may mean waiting another year, or focusing your energy on a specific gap (e.g. community contribution) before applying. This document is for your own reflection; it isn't submitted as part of the application.

Section 1 — Eligibility

- ☐ I hold Luminary certification
- ☐ My school has had an active AchievoEDU subscription for at least 1 full year
- ☐ My school's subscription is currently active and in good standing

IF YOU CAN'T CHECK ALL THREE

Eligibility items are non-negotiable — the application process reviews for these first. If any are unchecked, focus on that gap before applying rather than submitting an application that will be declined on eligibility alone.

Section 2 — School Impact Evidence

- ☐ I can produce recognition data (volume, trends, category breakdown) covering at least the past 12 months
- ☐ I have access to attendance or suspension data I could reference, if my school tracks it alongside AchievoEDU use
- ☐ I have at least one de-identifiable student or staff quote or case study I could use as qualitative evidence
- ☐ I can clearly describe how my school's use of AchievoEDU has changed since I became Luminary-certified

Section 3 — Community Contribution (Already Demonstrated)

- ☐ I have already delivered at least one community-facing contribution — a presentation, published piece, content series, or similar (not just a plan to do so)
- ☐ I can provide evidence of this contribution — a link, recording, screenshot, or attendance record

THIS IS THE MOST COMMON GAP

Reviewers weigh Section 3 heavily because Fellow is specifically about contribution beyond your own school. If you don't yet have a community contribution to point to, this is worth building before applying — present at a local network meeting, write a short piece for your school newsletter about your AchievoEDU journey, or contribute to a PBL or wellbeing-focused educator group. A genuine first contribution, even a small one, is more convincing than a strong plan with nothing behind it yet.

Section 4 — Mentoring & Peer Support

- ☐ I have supported at least one other educator's AchievoEDU journey — formally or informally
- ☐ I can describe this relationship specifically — who, what kind of support, and what changed as a result
- ☐ I'm willing to formally commit to mentoring at least one Catalyst or Luminary educator during the Fellow year

Section 5 — Fellow Year Plan

- ☐ I can describe, concretely, what content or events I'd contribute to during a Fellow year
- ☐ I can name who I'd realistically mentor during the year, even tentatively
- ☐ I can describe what outcome I want to drive at my own school during the Fellow year, beyond simply maintaining current practice

Section 6 — The Ongoing Commitment

Fellow is renewed annually, not held permanently like Spark, Catalyst, and Luminary. Before applying, be honest with yourself about the year ahead, not just the application itself.

- ☐ I can realistically commit to at least 2 community contributions across the coming year, not just at application time
- ☐ I can attend at least 3 termly Fellow roundtables during the year
- ☐ I'm applying because I want to contribute to the wider AchievoEDU community, not primarily for the badge or title itself

Overall Readiness

There's no pass mark here — but as a general guide:

- Checked most items across all six sections: you're likely ready to apply now
- Strong on Sections 2, 4, and 5 but weak on Section 3 (community contribution): spend a term building one genuine contribution, then apply
- Unchecked items in Section 1 (eligibility): wait until these are resolved before applying — applications will be declined on eligibility regardless of other strengths

NEXT STEP

If you're ready, begin drafting your five-section application portfolio (see the Fellow Program Guide) ahead of the 31 January application deadline.