



Benefits of Participation in the Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Award Program

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER AND LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARDS PROGRAM

Benefits to Candidates

Provides the Early Childhood Teacher and Leader the opportunity to:

- Develop and amplify their voice to advocate for the profession.
- Empower participation in policy discussions to improve education for all children.
- Hone their teaching/leadership skills through professional learning opportunities.
- Serve as the representative to promote the early care and education profession.
- Build relationships with other exemplary early care educators throughout Louisiana.

Benefits to Communities

Provides Communities with the opportunity to:

- Celebrate, honor and reward outstanding early care and education educators for their hard work in their communities.
- Call state-wide attention to the exceptional work taking place in their communities.
- Shine the light on the innovative work and leadership of early care and education educators.
- Recruit and retain the best and highly qualified early care and education educators.

For more information, visit the [Awards Program Page](#).

For questions, email shallan.jones@la.gov.