



## **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](#).

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