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# Louisiana Grow Your Own & Pre-Educator Pathway Updates

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# Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy

The Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy is a one-of-a-kind, five-day, hybrid of a summer camp and a professional learning experience for high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or any other coursework aimed at attracting and developing future Louisiana educators.

Hosted by the Louisiana Department of Education and staffed by a team of advisors and coaches from around the state, the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Academy will take place at the University of Louisiana Monroe on July 10-14, 2023.



# Louisiana Summer Academy Goals

The Aspiring Educator Summer Academy will bring together one-hundred aspiring educators from around the state for a high-energy, professional leadership experience that propels them on their pathway to becoming highly effective, educational leaders in our state.

The academy staff will be made up of 36 exceptional individuals that represent different parts of the Louisiana educator pipeline.

- Twenty-four college students will lead and serve as coaches to smaller cohorts of academy participants.
- Twelve exceptional teachers, professors, and other practicing educators will serve as advisors throughout the week.



# Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy Participation

Through clinical experiences, service learning opportunities, and leadership development activities participants will:

- Continue to increase their skills and knowledge related to becoming a highly-effective educator.
- Develop steps to increasing their leadership and advocacy skills.
- Network and build a community amongst other Louisiana aspiring educators.



# Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy Participants

An ideal academy participant is a high-school student that is determined to make a positive impact in the field of education in Louisiana. Students should possess dispositions, interests, and characteristics of effective educators included but not limited to:

- being open-minded, compassionate, respectful, inclusive, and service-oriented;
- having an interest in community, state, and national service;
- possessing a desire to serve children and the community through improving outcomes for all children no matter their background, zip code, or family circumstances;
- enjoying collaborative activities;
- sharing a passion for a certain topic or content area;
- developing strong interpersonal and communication skills;
- exploring skills and strategies of an effective 21st century educator.



# Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy Student Nominations

Each school system will have an opportunity to nominate one student from each school site offering the Pre-Educator Pathway coursework. Systems will also nominate an alternate student from each site. In total, the LDOE will invite one-hundred nominated students to attend the academy.

Review the Summer Academy Overview for more details about the student nomination and registration process.

[School system nominations](#) should be submitted no later than **May 15, 2023**.

Contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with any questions.



# Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy Staff

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For more information about staffing, including the application and responsibilities, refer to the Summer Academy Staffing Descriptions.

[Coach Applications](#) & [Advisor Interest Form](#) Deadline: **April 14, 2023**

Contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with any questions.



# Geaux Teach Scholarship

Act 463 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature established the Geaux Teach Program, which provides scholarships to students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs at the state's postsecondary institutions that are approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Funding is also available to students attending certified alternative teacher preparation programs approved by BESE.

Students may receive up to \$5,000 annually to cover the cost of tuition fees, textbooks, and instructional materials required for enrollment.



# Geaux Teach Scholarship

To be eligible for the Geaux Teach Program scholarship, a student must:

- Be a US citizen and if required, registered with the Selective Service; and
- Be a Louisiana resident for at least two full years prior to July 1 immediately preceding the academic year in which the student will be enrolled in a qualified program of study; and
- Be enrolled full time in an approved teacher preparation program at an approved institution or be enrolled in an approved, alternative certified teacher education program through the census date; and
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative college GPA.

Additional information about the Geaux Teach Program, including the [Geaux Teach Application](#) and answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#), may be accessed on the [LOSFA website](#).

Please contact [deborah.paul@la.gov](mailto:deborah.paul@la.gov) with any questions.

# Communication Contact Lists

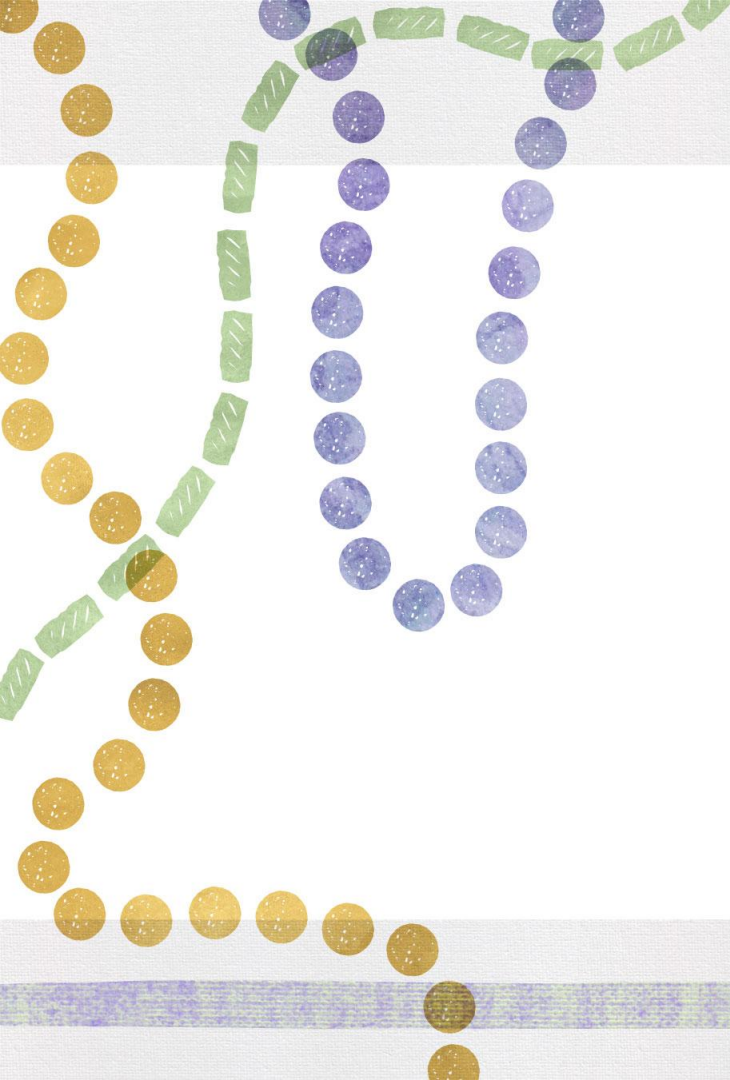
Information about statewide and regional opportunities to support aspiring educators is shared through the following email lists:

## [Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway & Grow Your Own Contact List](#)

- Communications about Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway Growth and Expansion
- Professional learning opportunities for teacher leaders, school system leads, and teacher preparation partners
- Resources for launching, developing, and expanding Grow Your Own strategies

## [Educators Rising Louisiana Contact List](#)

- Communications about state and regional Educators Rising opportunities
- Ongoing meetings for Louisiana leaders, Educators Rising Teacher Leaders, Educators Rising extracurricular club sponsors



## Reminders

# Pre-Educator Pathway Guidance Document Available



The [Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway Guidance](#) document is an accumulation of resources intended to guide and assist Louisiana school systems and teacher preparation programs in the development and expansion of their Grow Your Own strategies through the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway. The guide serves as a centralized hub for effective strategies and resources for developing Pre-Educator coursework and experiences in your K-12 school or system. This guidance along with other previously released resources can be found in the [Pre-Educator Pathway Resource Library](#).

Contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with questions.



### **System Lead Professional Learning Community**

- Webinar Date and Time: April 6, 2023 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- Webinar Phone Number: +13462487799,,3455048179#
- Meeting ID: 345 504 8179

### **Grow Your Own Program Implementation Best Practices Office Hours**

- Webinar Date and Time: April 19, 2022 4:00 PM-5:00 PM
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- Webinar Phone Number: +13462487799,,3455048179#
- Meeting ID: 345 504 8179



## Save the Dates!

- **April 6:** Pre-Educator Pathway System Lead April Professional Learning Community
- **April 19:** Monthly Grow Your Own Office Hours
- **May 31- June 1:** 2023 Teacher Leader Summit
- **July 10-17:** 2023 Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy

# Thank you for supporting aspiring educators!

- [Pre-Educator Pathway Contact List](#)
- Questions can be sent to [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov).
- Invite the LDOE to your system to attend or participate in any upcoming Aspiring Educator experiences.

