



WHAT IS THE LOUISIANA EXEMPLARY EDUCATOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM INITIATIVE?

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that great teachers and school leaders are critical to student success. Therefore, the Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program was created to acknowledge, honor, and spotlight exceptional teachers, teacher specialists, and school leaders who exemplify Louisiana's education profession.



CRITERIA

1. **Exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective and innovative instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school;**
2. **Exemplary educational accomplishments and leadership beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession;**
3. **Individuals whose contributions to education are largely unheralded yet worthy of the spotlight;**
4. **Early- to mid-career educators (minimum of five years) who offer strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and**
5. **Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community.**

CANDIDATE BENEFITS

If selected as an Exemplary Educator, the educator will receive a certificate of recognition and **may be invited to participate on advisory boards and task forces**, as well as be considered for other recognition programs. Your recommendations will identify educators who will be of great value to your community and state because of their expertise.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Candidates should have at least 5 years of experience serving in teacher, specialist, principal and/or assistant principal roles. This is a confidential process. Candidates should not be aware of this recommendation. To recommend candidates for the 2022 Exemplary Educator Recognition Program, complete an online application for each nominee.

The Nomination Portal is open January 18, 2022 - February 18, 2022.

For applications and portal information, visit the [resources library](#).

For questions, email ExemplaryEducator@la.gov.