



AECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

Confidential Application for Board of Directors—Board Term to begin January 2022

We are honored that you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Arkansas Early Childhood Association. With a mission dedicated to serving the early childhood profession in Arkansas, we seek a Board that includes individuals working in a variety of capacities for early childhood. We also seek a diverse Board as defined by race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, disability, appearance, geographic location, and professional level. Board members guide the Association's policy direction in an effort to ensure that we accomplish our mission. Thank you for considering Board of Directors involvement and for the personal time and energy that you will be putting into this important aspect of building a stronger Board and thus a stronger early childhood profession in Arkansas.

INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1: The 30-day open nominations period for Board positions will begin on August 1, 2021 and will close at 11:59 p.m. on September 1, 2021. Anyone interested should review the attached job descriptions for available Board positions and self-assess their qualifications and their realistic view of the time commitment that board service will require.

STEP 2: Anyone wishing to be considered for a position must complete the attached electronic application. This application must be submitted along with **TWO** letters/emails of recommendation to gregg@arkansasearlychildhood.org. All applications and recommendations must be received electronically no later than 11:59 PM on September 1, 2021.

STEP 3: The Nominations Committee will review and assess all applications against position description criteria and will conduct candidate phone interviews during the month of September. The slate of finalists for each available Board position will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for consideration.

STEP 4: Once selected by the Board, the membership of AECA will be presented with a final slate of officer candidates and will get the opportunity to meet them at this year's AECA conference. During the conference, a vote will be opened for all current members to either approve the Board's selection for each position or make a write-in choice. The final selection will be announced to membership following the conference.

STEP 5: The new slate of directors will begin serving on January 1, 2022.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS FOR 2022-2023

Please indicate which board position(s) you would like to be considered for.

- PRESIDENT-ELECT*
- VICE-PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS
- TREASURER
- MEMBER AT LARGE (2 vacancies—1 voted and 1 appointed)

*-For President-Elect, a current or former Board member/Affiliate President is preferred who will commit to serve two years as President-Elect and two years as Board President.

SECTION I: CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Address: _____ City and Zip: _____

Are you a current or former AECA Board member or Affiliate President? Yes No

If so, please list your terms of service and position(s) held:

SECTION II: CANDIDATE SNAPSHOT

Answers in this box are optional and will not affect your eligibility for a Board position if left blank.

Age: 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Black or African American White Hispanic/Latino
 American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian Other: _____

Geographic Location in Arkansas:

Southeast Southwest Central West Central/River Valley

Northwest North Central Northeast

SECTION III: EDUCATION, CREDENTIALS AND DESIGNATIONS

Current Education Level: High School CDA Credential A.A./A.S./A.A.S.
 B.A./B.S. M.A./M.S. Ph.D., Ed.D., other

Degree/ Credential: _____ Yr Rec'd: _____ Institution: _____

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Degree/ Credential: _____ Yr Rec'd: _____ Institution: _____

License/ Certification: _____ Good Thru: _____

SECTION IV: PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Date(s) _____ Position: _____

Employer: _____

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Employer: _____

Date(s) _____ Position: _____

Employer: _____

SECTION V: VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

1. Please describe any previous volunteer work in your local community. Include the organization(s), type of work performed and dates.

2. Please describe any previous volunteer work or leadership roles specific to the early childhood profession. Include the organization(s), type of work performed and dates.

SECTION VI: OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

1. Describe the contributions you have made to the early childhood profession of which you are most proud.

2. Why are you interested in serving on the AECA Board?

3. How do you feel AECA would benefit from your involvement on its Board?
4. What are the most pressing needs in Arkansas' early childhood community?
5. Are you aware of any information about yourself, which might tend to reflect unfavorably on your reputation, morals, character, or ability as a board member for AECA? Yes No (If yes and you wish to explain, you may submit a separate sheet of paper addressing this question which will be considered as part of the application process.)
6. Are you able and willing to attend required Board meetings, even if by electronic means?
 Yes No

SECTION VII: SUBMITTAL AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I declare that everything on, and attached to, this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

IN ADDITION TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION, YOU MUST ALSO SUBMIT TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE (ONE OF WHICH MUST BE FROM SOMEONE FAMILIAR WITH YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE). REFERENCES MAY BE VIA EMAIL.

THE APPLICATION AND LETTERS MUST BE E-MAILED TO gregg@arkansasearlychildhood.org BY **SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AT 11:59 P.M.** SEND ANY QUESTIONS TO PAUL LAZENBY AT paul@arkansasearlychildhood.org.