



AECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

Confidential Application for Board of Directors—Board Term to begin January 2023

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 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.

Sincerely,
AECA 2023 Nominations Committee

STEP 1: The 30-day open nominations period for the AECA Board of Directors will commence on 8-22-22 and close at 11:59 p.m. on 9-22-22. Anyone interested should review the attached position responsibilities for available Board positions and self-assess their qualifications and their realistic view of the time commitment that board service will require.

STEP 2: Any active AECA member wishing to be considered for a position may submit an application. Complete the attached application. This application should be submitted along with **TWO** letters of support to president@arkansasearlychildhood.org. All applications and support letters must be received by email no later than 11:59 PM Central time, September 22, 2022.

STEP 3: The Nominations Committee will review and assess all applications against position description criteria and will conduct candidate phone interviews. 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 at the 2022 Conference and will allow the candidates to introduce themselves. Afterwards, all active AECA members will vote on the entire slate (except for one member-at-large position which is appointed). Members may either approve the Board's selection for each position or make a write-in choice. Final approval will be announced by November 1, 2022.

STEP 5: The new slate of directors will begin serving on January 1, 2023.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATE SERVICES

SECRETARY

MEMBER AT LARGE

SECTION I: CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Address: _____ City and Zip: _____

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 (Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Cleveland, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln)

Southwest (Clark, Columbia, Garland, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Sevier, Union)

Central (Conway, Faulkner, Lonoke, Perry, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline, White)

West Central (Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, Yell)

Northwest (Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Newton, Washington)

North Central (Baxter, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Marion, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren)

Northeast (Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Mississippi, Jackson, Monroe, Lawrence, Lee, Phillips, Poinsett, Randolph, St. Francis, Woodruff)

SECTION III: EDUCATION, CREDENTIALS AND DESIGNATIONS

Current Level of Education: High School Diploma Child Development Associate
 Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree
 Master's Degree Doctoral Degree

Degree/ Date
Credential: _____ Rec'd: _____ Institution: _____
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License/ Good Thru: _____
Certification: _____
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SECTION IV: PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Date(s) _____ Position: _____

Employer: _____

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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. The Board will meet at least twice a year—at least one of those meetings will be a face to face meeting in Little Rock. Are you able and willing to attend required Board meetings?

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 application, include two letters of support (one of which should be someone familiar with your professional experience). Your application and copies of support letters must be mailed to president@arkansasearlychildhood.org by SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 at 11:59 PM.