



AWARDS for Early Educators

LEAD Program

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
IN EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION



TO BE ELIGIBLE:

- ✓ You must be a United States citizen, legal permanent resident, qualified alien or non-immigrant.
- ✓ You must have a Georgia Professional Development (GaPDS) profile with the name of your current employer and a Pending or Active status.
- ✓ You must have earned a higher Bright from the Start Coaching or Professional Learning Community designation **no more than 12 months prior to applying for the AWARDS for Early Educators LEAD Program.**

STEP 1: Personal Information (Please print):

Name: _____ County of Residence: _____
First-middle initial-last (as it appears on your social security card)

Home Address: _____ Apartment Number: _____
Street or post office box (Enter only one)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ Date of Birth: / /

Social Security Number: / / E-mail: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	Gender:	Race:	Ethnicity: (any race)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic / Latino
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Black / African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic / Latino
		<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Native American / Alaskan Native	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Bi- / Multi-Racial	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Note: You will receive an IRS Form 1099 as required and must report AWARDS income on your tax return.

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AWARDS for Early Educators LEAD Program funds are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. All rules and eligibility requirements re subject to change without notification. Applications are updated when program revisions occur. Visit www.DECALscholars.com to download the most recent application or to apply online.

Employment Information:

Name of Employer: _____
 Work Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 County: _____ Phone: () _____

Job Title (mark all that apply):

Asst. Teacher Teacher Asst. Director Owner Director Trainer TA Specialist Other _____

Are you a Georgia lottery-funded Pre-K teacher? Yes No A Head Start/Early Head Start teacher? Yes No

Number of hours you work each week: _____ Your hourly wage: \$ _____

Number of months/year you work: 9 10 12

Number of months/year paid you work: 9 10 12

You are paid: Weekly Bi-Weekly Bi-Monthly Monthly (circle one) Your date of hire: ____/____/____

If you are in the classroom, the # of children in your classroom: _____

If you are in the classroom, the ages of children in your class (check all that apply): Birth-1 1-2 2-3 3-4 4-5 5-12

I am applying for **AWARDS for Early Educators LEAD Bonus** for the following:

1st	<input type="checkbox"/> Coaching Designation	Earned Date ____/____/____	Level
2nd	<input type="checkbox"/> PLC Facilitator	Earned Date ____/____/____	Level

Required Supporting Documents:

- A copy of your BFTS Coaching or PLC Facilitator credential.
- A copy of your Georgia Professional Development System profile reflecting your GaPDS number, the name of your current employer, and a “Pending” or “Active” status. Visit <https://gapds.dec.ga.gov> for more information.
- Your completed and notarized Affidavit for Lawful Presence Verification (page three) and a copy of the FRONT and BACK of a secure and verifiable document (see page four for information)

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION: Read carefully before signing and dating.

I _____ *(Applicant’s Name)* attest that all of the information appearing on this application and in supporting documentation is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or incomplete information knowingly provided on this application or in supporting documents may be grounds to be denied participation in this program and may prevent me from future participation in any DECAL Scholars programs. I understand that intentionally providing false information on this application or in supporting documents is a violation of state law and may result in civil or criminal proceedings. I authorize any agent or employee of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to verify this information and release it to any necessary party for my consideration in this program. I understand that, if approved and awarded funds, I will receive a 1099 tax form and am required by the IRS to report the income on my tax return.

I also understand and agree that my personal information may be shared with the Georgia Professional Development System.

_____ *Applicant’s Signature*

_____ *Date*

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If you have any questions, call 800-227-3410 or 770-642-6722.

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Affidavit for Lawful Presence Verification:

**Affidavit For Lawful Presence Verification
For
Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
AWARDS for Early Educators**

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for an AWARDS for Early Educators payment or for other public benefit as referenced in O.C.G.A. §50-36-1(a)(3)(A), I hereby swear and affirm that the following is true and correct with respect to my application for an AWARDS for Early Educators payment from Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

Name of Person Receiving Benefit: _____

Check only ONE of the following:

- 1) _____ I am a United States citizen 18 years of age or older.
- 2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States, 18 years of age or older.
(You must submit a copy of the FRONT and BACK of your Legal Permanent Resident card).
- 3) _____ I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 18 years of age or older, with an alien registration number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency
(You must submit a copy of the FRONT and BACK of your Alien Registration Receipt card).

My alien registration number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is: _____ **(Required if #2 or #3 is checked).**
(You must submit the FRONT and BACK of your LPR/QA card).

I also verify I am providing **A COPY OF THE FRONT AND BACK** of at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-36-1(e)(1), with this affidavit. A complete list of acceptable documents is on page 8 of this application.

The **FRONT AND BACK** of the secure and verifiable document I am providing with this affidavit is:

(Identify the document, such as driver’s license, birth certificate if last name is still the same, permanent resident card, etc.)

In providing the above information under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of state government shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. §16-10-20 and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Signature of Applicant Date

Printed Name: _____

Printed Address: _____
Mailing Address

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____
____ DAY OF _____, 20____

City State Zip

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: ___/___, 20____

Secure and Verifiable Documents Under O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2

Issued August 1, 2012 by the Office of the Attorney General, Georgia

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 (“IIREA”) provides that “[n]ot later than August 1, 2011, the Attorney General shall provide and make public on the Department of Law’s website a list of acceptable secure and verifiable documents. The list shall be reviewed and updated annually by the Attorney General.” O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(f). The Attorney General may modify this list on a more frequent basis, if necessary.

The following list of secure and verifiable documents, published under the authority of O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2, contains documents that are verifiable for identification purposes, and documents on this list may not necessarily be indicative of residency or immigration status.

- **A driver’s license** issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, providing that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A United States passport or passport card** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **An original or certified copy of a birth certificate** issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A United States Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A United States military identification card** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **An identification card** issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, providing that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A tribal identification card** of a federally recognized Native American tribe, provided it contains a photograph of the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer. A listing of federally recognized Native American tribes may be found at: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre?BIA/OIS/TribalGovernmentServices/TribalDirectory/index.htm> [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **An Employment Authorization Document** that contains a photograph of the bearer [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A passport issued by a foreign government** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A Merchant Mariner Document or Merchant Mariner Credential** issued by the United States Coast Guard [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A Free and secure Trade (FAST) card** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A NEXUS card** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) card** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A driver’s license issued by a Canadian government authority** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A Certificate of Citizenship** issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (Form N-560 or Form N-561) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **A Certificate of Naturalization** issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (Form N-550 or Form N-570) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **Certification of Report of Birth** issued by the United States Department of State (Form DS-1350) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **Certification of Birth Abroad** issued by the United States Department of State (Form FS-240) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **Consular Report of Birth Abroad** issued by the United States Department of State (Form FS-240) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- In addition to the documents listed herein, if, in administering a public benefit or program, an agency is required by federal law to accept a document or other form of identification for proof of or documentation of identity, that document or other form of identification will be deemed a secure and verifiable document solely for that particular program or administration of that particular public benefit. [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(c)]



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