



2022-2023 Governor's Early Literacy Foundation Educator Advisory Council

You're invited to apply for the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation (GELF) Educator Advisory Council! The Educator Advisory Council is a group of Tennessee educators who will serve as a consulting body to help GELF determine the best resources to best meet the needs of students. The application is open and will be available through Thursday, June 30. Click [here](#) to apply or nominate a peer educator.

Frequently Asked Questions –

1. Who is GELF?

GELF is a non-partisan 501(c)3 driven by a mission to strengthen early literacy in Tennessee by acting as a thought leader, advisor, and catalyst for programs across the state. We equip Tennessee's children with books and innovative literacy tools that encourage lifelong learning for a brighter future. Our five key programs are Birth-5 Book Delivery through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, K-3 Home Library program, Caregiver Engagement, Book Buses, and Storybook Trails.

2. What are the responsibilities of a Educator Advisory Council (EAC) member?

The primary responsibility of an EAC member is to select the books that all rising first-third grade students will be mailed through GELF's K-3 Home Library program in Summer 2023. Through our K-3 Home Library program, GELF delivers quality books and literacy resources to combat learning loss and support student learning in the home. Last summer GELF mailed books to more than 160,000 students and teachers across Tennessee, and we anticipate serving more than 200,000 next year.

EAC members will be asked to review and select proposed kindergarten through third grade books, participate in two virtual meetings this fall, host caregiver and/or student focus groups in their communities, and attend one in-person meeting in Nashville before Thanksgiving; these duties will result in a finalized Summer 2023 book list for the K-3 Book Delivery program.

After books have been selected, EAC members will create resources to help increase book utilization in the home and classroom, provide ideas to increase caregiver engagement, etc. Goals will be accomplished through monthly virtual meetings and/or working groups. You will be asked to serve on the Council for a one-year term.

3. Who will serve on the Educator Advisory Council?

The EAC will be comprised of approximately 28 diverse educators from across Tennessee. Although most of EAC will be represented by K-3 classroom teachers, we will also select a few librarians, elementary school principals, and/or district-level leaders to participate.

4. Are there any requirements to become a member of EAC?

To be considered for EAC, you must meet the following requirements:

- Currently be employed by a school system or school that participated in the 2022 GELF-sponsored K-3 Home Library program. (Email Paige.Atchley@tn.gov if you are unsure if your district participated.)
- Currently hold one of the following positions...
 - Kindergarten-third grade classroom teacher
 - Librarian or principal at a school serving elementary-aged children
 - District leader who oversees instruction, coaching, etc. for elementary-aged children
- Submit a completed application [here](#) by Thursday, June 30.