



## **Application for \$20,000 Family Teacher of the Year Award Now Open**

*NCFL and Toyota Award Recognize Nation's Leading Family Engagement Educators*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (April 20, 2016) —Today, the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) issued a call for nominations to find this year's Toyota Family Teacher of the Year, an outstanding two-generation educator dedicated to improving literacy educational outcomes among youth and adults.

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the Toyota-funded, NCFL-led award. The educator selected as Toyota Family Teacher of the Year will receive a \$20,000 grant to further ongoing family engagement efforts. One runner-up will receive \$5,000. Both grand-prize and runner-up winners will be officially announced in Detroit, Mich., on October 19, 2016, at the Families Learning Summit, NCFL's premier convening of literacy and family learning experts.

Eligible family educators:

- Are exceptional at engaging families in their school or community-based organization; formal teaching credentials not required
- Use and champion innovative intergenerational approaches to help parents and children learn together
- Have a demonstrated record of success
- Have exciting ideas to expand and strengthen their family engagement efforts
- Serve communities and families with high literacy and socioeconomic needs
- Would be successful at communicating successful practices to educators and families across the nation

Brief nomination forms must be completed online [here](#) by May 16, 2016.

Experts and proponents of family engagement, two-generation programming, and learning at every age will convene at the [2016 Families Learning Summit](#). Toyota is the lead sponsor.

### **ABOUT TOYOTA FAMILY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Since 1991, more than two million parents and children in nearly 60 cities across the country have been impacted by Toyota-funded programs developed by NCFL to promote family literacy engagement in education. As part of this partnership, the Toyota Family Teacher of the Year award has been presented annually since 1997 and recognizes individual teachers' contributions to improving educational outcomes among youth and adults.

## **ABOUT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILIES LEARNING**

The National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping adults and children learn together. NCFL creates and deploys innovative two-generation programs, strategies, and online learning solutions that support learning, literacy, and family engagement in education. From the classroom to the community to the digital frontier, NCFL collaborates with educators, advocates, and policymakers to help families construct hotspots for learning wherever they go. For more information on NCFL's 27-year track record, visit [familieslearning.org](http://familieslearning.org).

## **ABOUT TOYOTA**

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