

# AFT Teacher Leaders Program Guidelines

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The ABC Federation of Teachers invites you to participate in the AFT Teacher Leaders Program for the 2021-22 school year. Educators, Nurses, and Speech and Language Pathologists from ABCUSD with full-time classroom/caseload responsibilities and who are union members will be selected to join a nationwide teacher leaders network. We are seeking teachers and nurses who would like to take an active role in influencing educational policy in, for example:

- Promoting children's well-being
- Supporting powerful learning
- Building capacity
- Fostering collaboration

We will provide participants with opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills to influence policy locally, statewide, and nationally. This will include framing practical policy positions that relate to improved student achievement; conducting research in classrooms and schools; engaging the public and elected officials in community conversations about education; participating on advisory boards, panels, and task forces; developing policy recommendations based on research conducted; and publishing and disseminating findings and recommendations nationwide.

Members selected for the program will:

- Increase their knowledge of major challenges facing the teaching profession through readings and discussions with leading policy experts
- Improve leadership skills
- Be recognized by the public and media
- Represent teachers nationwide as spokespersons and become members of a nationwide community
- Participate in conducting action research and using it in influencing policy
- Be awarded up to a \$1500 stipend upon completion of the program

We are seeking a diverse group of teacher-leaders who are active in their school communities and have track records in working to improve schools.

The application is due no later than **Friday, September 17, 2021**. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Tanya Golden at [Tanya.golden@abcusd.us](mailto:Tanya.golden@abcusd.us) or Erika Cook at [Erika.cook@abcusd.us](mailto:Erika.cook@abcusd.us).

**All portions of the application must be submitted or the application will be considered incomplete: (1) application; (2) commitments; and (3) letter of intent. Please note: All applicants may be interviewed by a panel.**

