

Submit your nominee for the \$20,000 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year Award

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Do you know an educator making great strides in family engagement? Nominate them for the 2017 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year Award! This prestigious award, made possible by Toyota, recognizes teachers who are positively impacting families by engaging them in school- and community-based educational programming.

NCFL is accepting [nominations](#) now through **Friday, June 9, 2017**.

The educator selected as the 2017 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year will receive \$20,000 to further family engagement efforts in their community. One runner-up will receive \$5,000. In addition, both winners will receive their awards October 9-11, 2017, in Tucson, Ariz., at the 2017 Families Learning Conference, NCFL's premier convening of literacy and family learning experts. Both will receive a scholarship and travel stipend to participate. (Conference attendance is required to receive the awards.)

Eligible family educators:

- Serve parents and children using a strong intergenerational approach to helping them learn together in innovative ways.
- Have a demonstrated record of success.
- Implement innovative ideas for expanding their program to benefit families and/or to engage more families.
- Serve communities and families with high literacy and socioeconomic needs.
- Would be successful at communicating successful practices to other colleagues across the nation.

Jean Ciborowski Fahey was awarded [2016's Toyota Family Teacher of the Year](#) for her efforts to educate parents of babies and young children about reading and brain development. Central to Ciborowski Fahey's outreach strategy is a book she wrote, [Make Time for Reading: a story guide for parents of babies and young children](#). Ciborowski Fahey used her \$20,000 award from Toyota and NCFL to reprint her book in English and Portuguese, which will enable her to reach nearly 7,000 more parents.