



It is my pleasure to announce the opening of **the local affiliate application process for the 2019-2020 NEA Early Career Learning Labs (ECLL) (due May 18) and the NEA Blended Learning Program (due May 10)**. These programs are a collaboration between the NEA and affiliates. Please forward this email to any affiliates that you think might benefit from these professional learning programs or might be interested.

Below is specific information about each program. *Please note: each program has a separate application form.*

Why apply for our programs?

- The NEA has limited funding available to assist in supporting local affiliates interested in affiliate-led professional learning programs. We are interested in working with locals that have expressed an interest in supporting the professional learning needs of our members.
- Participating locals should have a commitment from the local association's elected officers and Executive Board to support this program.

NEA Blended Learning Program (Application due – May 10):

What is the NEA Blended Learning Program?

- The National Education Association (NEA) Center for Great Public Schools announces the availability of Teacher Quality grant funds (up to \$3000 each) for Local Affiliates to initiate and enhance capacity to provide effective professional learning opportunities using NEA's Blended Learning professional learning course offerings to their local affiliate members.
- The purpose of this funding is to work with Local Affiliates offering NEA's comprehensive "blended learning" courses that will provide high quality professional learning to members in a combination of in person and online learning platforms. Participants will meet twice in person, but the rest of their interactions occur online either through a video conferencing system or through asynchronous interactions.
- Funding should be used for operation of the program including, but not limited to, local-lead course facilitator stipends, meeting expenses, and/or mileage for participants (e.g. rural affiliates).

How does a local affiliate apply?

- Local affiliates must complete the following application:
<https://form.jotform.com/91067167443156> by May 10th.
- Completing this application does not guarantee that your local will be accepted as a Blended Learning site. Please complete all parts of the application with as much information as possible.

Informational Blended Learning Webinar and Resources:

- Pre-Recorded Blended Learning Informational Topic: NEA Blended Learning Webinar for State/Local Affiliate Presidents
<https://zoom.us/recording/share/Z6E5UiUKrkE7DSWAJmnabeFZbAf7PHvoPmJOM55CnewlumekTziMw>
- NEA Blended Learning Informational Powerpoint [APR 26 NEA Blended Learning Informational Powerpoint](#)
- NEA Blended Learning One-Pager
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13UCOHoiPUDtfFS6CNgbctVJsLv6fx-y/view>

Questions?

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NEA Early Career Learning Labs (ECLL): (Application due – May 18)**What are the NEA Early Career Learning Labs (ECLL)?**

- The ECLL are a blended learning environment meant to support early career educators (ECEs) around instructional and classroom problems of practice. During the 2018-2019 school year, 40 affiliates participated in ECLL.
- Watch our video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/FG1XDsxXtgYw>
- See resources here: <http://bit.ly/ECLLAppResources>

How does a local affiliate apply?

- Local affiliates must complete the following application:
<https://form.jotform.com/90776170463158> by May 18
- Completing this application does not guarantee that your local will be accepted as an ECLL site. Please complete all parts of the application with as much information as possible. We highly recommend viewing ECLL resources before applying (see below).

Upcoming Information Webinar and Resources:

- Resources for ECLL: Before submitting an application, please view ECLL resources:
<http://bit.ly/ECLLAppResources>
- This google folder has the following:
 - Recording of an overview of ECLL and the application process
 - ECLL flyers
 - PDF version of the application
- Join our upcoming ECLL information webinar to ask questions and learn more information: May 7 at 7pm EST. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/2792511208>

Questions?

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