JANE HERRIN MINI GRANT

The Jane Herrin Mini Grant was established to provide funds of up to $600.00 to support innovative projects that support the applicant’s early childhood program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Mini grant applicants must print and complete the application form posted on the LAECA website. One hard copy of the grant proposal must be mailed to the awards chairperson.
- Proposals must be based on goals that address at least one of these key areas of need:
  - Facility or playground enhancement
  - Staff development and training
  - Special needs items
  - Creative educational projects
- Proposals are forwarded to three readers for evaluation. Readers evaluate each proposal using a rating scale.
- Each reader will return the grant proposal evaluation to the awards chairperson. The chairperson notifies by mail.
- The board determines the number of mini grants awarded each year. Previous winners may apply but preference will be given to first time applicants. The mini grant award(s) is/are presented at the annual LAECA State Conference.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a full member of LAECA for at least six months.
- Previous recipients may apply. Consideration will be given to first time applicants.

Applications will be ranked according to the following scoring criteria:

- Purpose of the project
  - Goal of the project (10 pts.)
  - Statement of need/justification (25 pts.)
- Outline of the project (include timeline)
  - Expected benefits (20 pts.)
  - Implementation (20 pts.)
  - Dissemination (10 pts.)
- Project itemized budget (5 pts.)
- Evaluation plan for the project (10 pts.)

Winning applicants agree to submit an article for publication in Collaborations on current LAECA journal topics by June 15th after the award is given OR by making a presentation on a topic chosen in collaboration with your early childhood faculty member at the Conference the year after the award is given.

Return grant applications to: Mary Louise Jones, Awards Committee Chairperson
5813 Georgetown Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Applications must be postmarked by October 1

Name_________________________________________________  Date____________________
Address________________________________________________________________________
Phone______________________________________ Membership #_______________________
Name of school____________________________________ Phone ________________________
Address________________________________________________________________________
Goal area of grant __________________________________ Title _________________________
Dates of Project _________________ Funds requested ($600.00 maximum) $_______________
Email__________________________________________________________________________

Address the following and attach to this form:

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  •  Implementation (20 pts.)
  •  Dissemination (10 pts.)
Project itemized budget (5 pts.)
Evaluation plan for the project (10 pts.)

Winning applicants agree to submit an article for publication in Collaborations on the use of the mini grant funds by June 15th after the award is given OR by making a presentation on the mini grant project at the Conference the year after the award is given.