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The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) is devoted to improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education. NCTE represents literacy educators across all educational contexts, including early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary, and college. We have developed proven resources to advance teachers' expertise in developing students as readers, writers, critical thinkers, and analysts of their own learning.

Each year, NCTE recognizes early career educators through the **Early Career Educator of Color Leadership Award Program.** The specific purpose of this award is to provide early career teachers of color a national forum for professional collaboration and development through *attending* the NCTE Convention (year one) and *presenting* a session at the NCTE Convention (year two). The general purpose of the award is to support teachers of color as they build accomplished teaching careers as active NCTE members. To be eligible for this award, applicants must be practicing pre-K to university-level literacy educators of color who are in the first five years of a paid teaching career and who aspire to build a career in literacy education.

Award recipients receive two years of support from an accomplished mentor who can help the scholarship recipient use NCTE resources to plan his or her convention experience (year one) and to enhance professional growth. Recipients also receive an opportunity to present at the NCTE Convention (year two), opportunities to collaborate with NCTE leaders, and a plaque to recognize their participation. In addition, for two consecutive NCTE conventions, they receive round-trip airfare, a complimentary registration, three nights lodging, and a $50 per diem for four days. Note: The 2016 site is Atlanta, GA, and St. Louis, MO is the site for 2017.

To be eligible, early career educators must submit an application packet and provide a signature from a school principal (pre-K to 12) or supervisor (university-level) confirming support of release time for up to two school days during the 2016 (Nov. 19 – 22) and 2017 (Nov. 17 – 20) conventions.

Name of Applicant:

School Name:

Phone:

Email:

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Signature of Award Applicant **Date**

This is to confirm that _____has support to fully participate in all of the benefits of the Early Career Educator of Color Leadership Award offered by NCTE.

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Signature of School Principal or Supervisor **Date**