



## Scholarship Announcement - EL ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

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### Applications now accepted for Scholarships to the ELLLI Partners – EL Advocacy Institute

San Jose, August 3-6, 2017

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EL Leadership & Legacy Initiative (ELLLI)

**Applications accepted: until April 16, 2017. Awards will be announced in early May.**

**Are you a mid-career activist and advocate for the best education for all English Learners (ELs)? Looking to learn new skills, learn about the legacy of EL advocacy in California and join a community of other EL advocates?**

**Californians Together, in collaboration with CABE**, invites applicants to an extraordinary, four-day professional development event for selected leaders and advocates for quality education for English Learners. This is a **fully-funded** event (materials, meals, lodging), with support available as needed for transportation. Applications will be competitive, as there is capacity for the award of only 50 scholarships.

The institute will be based on design and materials developed for the English Learner Leadership and Legacy Initiative (ELLLI). (SEE: <http://www.elli.org/>). **ELLLI** aims to equip a new generation of EL education leaders with an historical perspective and practical skills to further advocacy and action work at the local, regional and state levels on behalf of ELs and their families. The Institute features some of the state's top EL authorities including current ELLLI Fellows and Mentors.

#### **Institute Format:**

You will experience a four-day institute (noon Friday through noon Monday).

**Participants must commit to attending all four days.**

The institute includes presentations, discussions, case studies, film and hands-on activities that will further develop your understanding of the history and current context of EL education in California. The Institute aims to provide skills in planning and implementing advocacy campaigns, and to connect advocates to a growing community of EL advocates.

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**WHERE:** The **EL Advocacy Institute** will take place at the beautiful **Dolce Hayes Mansion Conference Center** in San Jose. Lodging is in spacious double rooms. Pool and exercise facilities are available.

**WHEN:** **Attendance is required** at all daytime and evening events from **noon, Friday, August 3 through noon, Monday, August 6, 2018.**

**The most competitive applicants will have:**

- Five or more years experience with EL education, in Pre-K through H.S. settings, in IHEs, or in community or advocacy organizations.
- Some prior engagement in leadership and advocacy for EL education (e.g., CAFE chapter, school, district, or county level, or non-governmental organization).

**WHAT PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:**

Those admitted into the institute will receive all materials, lodging (double occupancy) and meals during the institute, and will be reimbursed for flights or ground transportation up to \$300 each. Attendance will be fully funded for the most qualified individuals selected from among all applicants. Those who complete the four days will become **ELLLI Partners**, and will join an expanding ELLLI community, along with veteran EL advocates and mentors in our efforts to impact state-wide policy and practice in fostering quality education for English Learners.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

**Electronic Applications available:** March 26, 2018

**LINK:** <https://fs3.formsite.com/cabeforms/form133/index.html>  
<https://tinyurl.com/y84nrggp>

**All applications must be submitted on-line. No paper applications can be accepted.**

**Application deadline:** April 16, 2018, 5:00 PM.

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**Californians Together** is a statewide advocacy coalition of powerful organizations from all segments of the education community including: teachers, administrators, board members, parents and civil rights non-profit groups. Our member organizations come together, united around the goal of better educating the almost 1.4 million English Learners by improving California's schools and promoting equitable educational policy.

See more: <https://www.californianstogether.org/> - [www.elli.org](http://www.elli.org)

**Questions?**

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