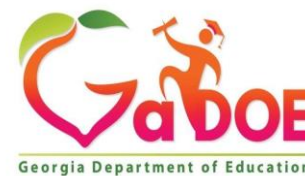


**The Georgia Department
of Education**
Star English Learner and
Star ESOL Teacher
Recognition Program



The Georgia Department of Education ESOL & Title III Unit seeks to identify and recognize outstanding senior high school English Learners and their ESOL teachers for their “Excellence in Achievement.”

Guidelines and Qualifications

2017 Star ESOL Teachers must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Is nominated by the winning Star English Learner.
- Is the subject of a paragraph (250 words minimum) that highlights how he/she made a difference in the Star English Learner’s life.
- Must be a current certified or endorsed contractually employed Georgia classroom ESOL teacher (K-12).
- Must have taught the nominating Star English Learner a classroom ESOL subject that appears in the curriculum and for which the student received credit.

2017 Star English Learner nominees must satisfy all the following requirements:

- Currently enrolled Georgia public high school senior on track for graduation spring 2017.
- Verified ESOL status for at least one year at the high school level (monitored and/or served)
- Minimum 3.0 student GPA (not rounded) based on cumulative high school grades (9-12) through the fall 2016 semester of the senior year.
- Good character reflected in good behavior and attendance
- Participation in at least one extra-curricular activity (school, sports, clubs, job, community service, etc.)
- The Lead ESOL teacher nomination of the Star English learner was approved by the school principal (or designee)
- Submission of all required documents by the deadline

The Process

- Local high school winners will be selected by a local committee that is led by the district Title III director/ESOL coordinator. The winners will be announced and recognized by their local school districts.
- System winners will then be nominated to the State. Six State winners representing three zones will be selected by a committee based on a rubric. The winners will be recognized at a ceremony held at the GADOE in Atlanta.

Prescribed State Zones			
	Total Number of ELs Reported	Number of Awards	Number of LEAs
Zone I	22050 - 1000	3	16
Zone II	999-200	2	44
Zone III	199-01	1	151

- Star ESOL Teachers move up in competition with their Star English Learner.

The Timeline

- March 10, 2017, the Lead ESOL teacher in each high school receives the criteria for the nomination(s) of the Star English Learner and the Star ESOL Teacher.
- March 31, 2017, with the approval of the school principals and the ESOL Coordinators, the high school Lead ESOL Teachers submit their nominations via the electronic application to the State.
- April 7, 2017, The State Selection Committee meets and selects the six Star English Learners and the six Star ESOL Teachers.
- April 14, 2017, Star English Learners and Star ESOL Teachers are notified by the GaDOE ESOL & Title III Unit through the ESOL Coordinators.
- April 28, 2017, State Superintendent's office is notified of the winners.
- May 10, 2017, Award Ceremony and Reception at the GaDOE.