

LOUISIANA ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS

LABSE

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & PERKS PACKET

A statewide professional network advancing excellence, equity, leadership, and opportunity in education.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP. YOUR NETWORK. YOUR VOICE. YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

LABSE membership is an investment in your professional growth, your leadership, your network, and the future of Louisiana's children.

CONNECT • DEVELOP • LEAD • ADVOCATE • IMPACT

This is more than membership. This is a movement.

Membership year: annual unless otherwise stated | Benefits subject to eligibility, availability, and program launch.

Welcome to the LABSE Movement

Membership in the Louisiana Alliance of Black School Educators connects teachers, school and district leaders, support professionals, higher education partners, students, retired educators, advocates, institutions, and businesses through a growing statewide network committed to educational excellence and improved outcomes for children, particularly children of color.

LABSE is building a membership experience that delivers professional value throughout the year. Members gain access to relationships, resources, visibility, development, advocacy, and opportunities that strengthen both individual careers and collective impact.

THE LABSE MEMBERSHIP PROMISE

We will create spaces where members can learn, connect, lead, be recognized, elevate their voices, and help shape stronger educational outcomes across Louisiana.

Five Pillars of Membership

CONNECT — Build meaningful professional relationships across schools, districts, universities, communities, and industries.

DEVELOP — Access relevant professional learning, mentoring, coaching, tools, and leadership development.

LEAD — Serve on committees, present, mentor others, publish, facilitate, and prepare for your next assignment.

ADVOCATE — Amplify educator, student, family, and community voices in decisions that affect Louisiana's children.

IMPACT — Work collectively to expand opportunity, recognize excellence, and improve student outcomes.

Core Member Benefits

Professional Learning & Development

- Members-only learning sessions and webinars
- Teacher, school-leader, and district-leader development
- Culturally responsive teaching and leadership
- School improvement, curriculum, assessment, accountability, and special education updates
- Grant-writing, resource development, résumé, and interview workshops

Leadership & Career Advancement

- Leadership mentoring and career coaching
- Aspiring-principal and district-leader networks
- Leadership portfolio and interview preparation
- Committee, commission, and project leadership opportunities
- Opportunities to serve as presenters, panelists, facilitators, and moderators

Statewide Network & Community

- Connections with educators and decision-makers across Louisiana
- Regional networking events and virtual statewide meetings
- Peer collaboration and resource exchange
- Private member community for questions, opportunities, celebrations, and support

Mentorship & Coaching

- New-teacher and early-career mentoring
- Principal-to-principal and executive-leadership conversations
- College-student-to-educator mentoring
- Peer coaching circles and “Ask an Expert” sessions

Member Resource Center

- Leadership and school-improvement templates
- Instructional and professional-learning resources
- Grant, scholarship, and career opportunities
- Advocacy tools, research, sample policies, and recommended readings

More Ways Membership Creates Value

Recognition & Professional Visibility

- Eligibility for LABSE awards and honors
- Member, educator, leader, student, and community-partner spotlights
- Social media, website, newsletter, and conference features
- A platform to share research, successful practices, and impact stories

Conferences, Summits & Events

- Member pricing and priority registration when offered
- Leadership summits, learning institutes, town halls, mixers, and receptions
- Regional events in Shreveport/Bossier, Monroe, Alexandria, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans
- Access to statewide membership-tour experiences

Advocacy & Educator Voice

- Member listening sessions and educator advisory groups
- Education policy and legislative updates
- Advocacy training and policy forums
- Opportunities to elevate issues affecting Black educators, students, families, and communities

NABSE Connection

- Updates on NABSE conferences, commissions, programs, and national opportunities
- Connection to a broader network of Black school educators
- Promotion of national leadership, recognition, and professional-learning opportunities

Note: Some NABSE opportunities require separate national membership, registration, eligibility, or fees.

Signature LABSE Member Experiences

LABSE Leadership Academy — A cohort experience for aspiring principals, principals, district leaders, and executive leaders.

LABSE Mentor Match — Structured connections pairing early-career educators and emerging leaders with accomplished Louisiana educators.

LABSE Learning Lab — Recurring professional learning led by members, practitioners, and education experts.

LABSE Member Resource Vault — An online collection of templates, grants, instructional supports, leadership tools, and research.

LABSE Educator Spotlight — Statewide recognition celebrating members who are making measurable contributions.

LABSE Advocacy Network — Policy updates, listening sessions, advocacy preparation, and opportunities to elevate member voice.

LABSE Classroom Impact Grants — Member-eligible mini-grants for innovative classroom or student projects as funding becomes available.

LABSE Future Educators Network — Mentoring, preparation, career access, and community for college students entering education.

Leadership Series — Exclusive conversations with education, university, civic, and industry decision-makers.

BUILDING FOR YEAR-ROUND VALUE

Signature programs will launch in phases. LABSE will communicate schedules, eligibility, application windows, capacity limits, and member priority as each opportunity becomes available.

Membership Levels & Category-Specific Perks

LEVEL	DUES	DESIGNED FOR	ADDED VALUE
General Membership	\$100	Educators, leaders, support professionals, retired educators, and advocates.	Core member benefits; member pricing; eligibility for committees, recognition, presenting, mentoring, and member-only opportunities.
Undergraduate Student	\$25	Undergraduate students preparing for education and related careers.	Future Educators Network; mentor matching; Praxis and student-teaching support; résumé, mock-interview, scholarship, and recruiter connections.
Life / Golden Life	\$600	Individuals making a one-time, long-term commitment to LABSE.	Lifetime LABSE membership recognition; core benefits without annual state dues; special recognition and invitations as offered.
Subscribing Life	\$720	Individuals pursuing life membership through weekly or monthly installments.	General-member access while payments remain current; conversion to Life Membership after the full amount is paid; installment convenience.
Institutional	\$1,500/year	Schools, districts, universities, nonprofits, and education-serving organizations.	Institutional recognition; partner networking; organizational visibility; participation opportunities and member access as defined by the institutional agreement.
Corporate	\$2,500/year	Businesses and corporations aligned with LABSE's mission.	Corporate recognition; partnership visibility; education-network access; approved vendor, event, and engagement opportunities as defined by the corporate agreement.

Service fees will be added to the amounts above at checkout. Benefits, recognition, and access may vary by category and by individual program rules.

A Membership Path for Every Partner

For Educators & Education Leaders

Grow your practice, expand your network, prepare for your next assignment, share what works, and help shape a stronger future for Louisiana's children.

For Undergraduate Students

Enter the profession with mentors, preparation, connections, confidence, and a statewide community invested in your success.

For Institutions

Demonstrate commitment to educator excellence and student success while connecting your school, district, university, or nonprofit to a mission-aligned statewide network.

For Corporate Partners

Invest in educational opportunity, strengthen community visibility, and build authentic relationships with educators and leaders across Louisiana.

Potential Partner & Member Perks

- Discounts and special offers from participating LABSE partners
- Priority notice of selected events, scholarships, grants, and leadership opportunities
- Approved vendor and business-networking opportunities
- Member referral campaigns, challenges, and statewide recognition
- Access to special receptions, roundtables, or partner experiences when offered

VALUE GROWS WITH THE NETWORK

As membership and partnerships expand, LABSE can negotiate stronger discounts, fund more scholarships and mini-grants, increase regional programming, and create additional leadership and recognition opportunities.

Benefits Delivery Roadmap

This roadmap separates immediately deliverable value from benefits that depend on partnerships, funding, staffing, or program capacity.

AVAILABLE / CORE	Statewide network; communications; member meetings; committee service; professional visibility; advocacy engagement; selected learning events; NABSE opportunity updates.
LAUNCH PRIORITY	Member Resource Vault; Learning Lab; Educator Spotlight; private member community; regional networking events; Career Connection.
GROWTH BENEFITS	Leadership Academy; Mentor Match; Future Educators Network; executive series; partner discounts; recruitment events.
FUNDING-DEPENDENT	Scholarships; classroom impact grants; conference scholarships; graduate-school assistance; expanded regional programming.

Member Experience Standards

- Consistent communication about opportunities, deadlines, and eligibility
- Transparent distinction between guaranteed, limited-capacity, and funding-dependent benefits
- Programming that reflects educator, student, family, and community voice
- Opportunities across regions, not only at one annual conference
- Recognition of member expertise and measurable impact
- Annual review of member needs, participation, and satisfaction

READY TO CONNECT, DEVELOP, LEAD, ADVOCATE & IMPACT?

There is a place for you in LABSE.

Whether you are a classroom teacher, school leader, district administrator, support professional, college student, retired educator, community advocate, institution, or corporate partner, your experience, voice, and commitment matter.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Become part of a statewide network committed to educational excellence, leadership, equity, advocacy, service, and opportunity for Louisiana's children.

Membership information and application: www.labseorg.net

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