

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Fall 2024 Junior Membership Classroom Grants – Fort Caspar Chapter, NSDAR

Who is considered a classroom teacher?

A classroom teacher is a teacher in a public or private school system. They can teach a core subject or other group-setting classes in grades K-12. Individual programs like speech or occupational therapy are not eligible. The teacher holds a contract for the following school year and can have the application endorsed by a principal, headmaster, or superintendent to verify employment. Homeschool teachers are not considered classroom teachers. The goal of the classroom grant program is to do the greatest good for the greatest number of students.

Can a non-regular education teacher apply if they meet the definition of a classroom teacher?

Special education services vary from state to state, and it must be clear that the teacher is teaching a classroom of students and not providing pull-out service.

- An example of a classroom would be a reading class being taught to a group of students by the special education teacher.
- An example of pull-out service (not eligible) would be a special education teacher working with students on reading for a class that is being taught by another teacher.

Can a classroom grant be used by the school lunch program?

No, grant funds must be used for education-setting activities in a classroom.

Can a classroom grant be used by a classroom teacher to invite a guest expert performer/lecturer to come and teach classes in a classroom as a way to extending the learning experience of students?

Yes, this fits the definition of the focus on student learning of the grant program. This activity has a direct benefit to the students' learning.

Can a classroom grant be used by a classroom teacher to take students on an out of school field trip to cover the cost of entry of students to a learning venue?

Yes, this is an activity that is focused on education to help expand the classroom learning experience. This activity has a direct benefit to the students' learning.

Can a classroom grant be used by a classroom teacher to develop/deliver online curriculum?

Yes, virtual learning (as authorized by the respective school district) is an accepted method of bringing the teacher to the virtual classroom. This activity has a direct benefit to the students' learning.

