

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Spring 2025 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.

#### **Does the grant need to be used for a history-related project?**

No, any educational subject is eligible. Past recipients have included science, art, music, literature, and other subjects outside of history.

#### **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.

