

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Fall 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 (such as art or music) 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.

One classroom teacher may apply on behalf of a group of classroom teachers working on a single project – such as a grade-level project. 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 extend 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.

May a teacher receiving a grant re-apply during the next cycle of grants?

Only one grant may be awarded to the same applicant per DAR administration (a three-year period). A new administration began in July 2025, so all classroom teachers are eligible to apply during the Fall 2025 grant cycle.

