



Kids In Need Teacher Grants

The Kids In Need Foundation Teacher Grants program provides certified K-12 teachers with funding to conduct innovative classroom projects. With generous support from the business community, the Foundation is proud to assist our most creative and important educational resource – our nation's teachers.

How are the Teacher Grants funded? The grants are funded by sponsors, retailers such as Office Depot, Fred Meyer, Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, Inc., and LOFT. Funds are distributed directly to the teachers.

How many Teacher Grants are awarded each year? For the 2009-10 academic year, the Kids In Need Foundation awarded more than \$114,000 to 281 teachers. Teacher Grant awards range from \$100 to \$500 each and are used to finance creative classroom projects.

What is the selection criteria? Applications go through a four-tiered assessment process which emphasizes innovativeness and merit, clarity of objectives, replication feasibility, suitability of evaluation methods, and cost effectiveness. Members of the Foundation's Teacher Grants Committee complete the final round of evaluations in late October.

Who is eligible? All certified K-12 teachers in the U.S. are encouraged to apply for Kids In Need Teacher Grants.

What types of projects are funded? Examples of winning projects include:

The World is a Rainbow – Students explored their own and their classmates' family origins, celebrating the characteristics that make us unique and the same!

Charged Cars – Math in Motion – Students designed and built a battery operated vehicle with a wheelbase of 40 cm designed to be mathematically accurate to travel and stop at any designated point between one and 10 meters.



Winning projects are developed into lesson plans that are published in the program's *The Guide to Award Winning Projects*. The *Guide* is available on the Foundation's Web site at www.kinf.org.

How can teachers apply? Teachers can complete and submit applications online at www.kinf.org. Applications are accepted from July 15 to September 30 each year.

The Kids In Need Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1995. The Foundation's mission is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need. The Kids In Need National Network of Resource Centers includes 24 facilities that allow teachers from low-income schools to obtain free school supplies for their students. In addition, Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for students. The Kids In Need Foundation has distributed more than \$300 million in school supplies since its founding, directly benefiting 1.6 million students and 100,000 teachers annually, and has awarded more than \$1 million in grants to teachers. The Kids In Need Foundation has received Charity Navigator's highest four-star rating for two consecutive years, indicating that it executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way and outperforms most other charities in America. For more information, visit www.kinf.org. Follow Kids In Need Foundation on Twitter, <http://twitter.com/kidsinneed>.