



Your classroom. Your students. The professional development you need.

At DonorsChoose.org, we believe teachers know what's best for their students. Our site, used by educators at over 76% of US public schools, empowers you to bring the resources you need into your classroom.

Join the community of fellow teachers going above and beyond for their students at www.donorschoose.org/teachers.

What is DonorsChoose.org?

DonorsChoose.org is a nonprofit website that engages the public in public schools. Teachers from every corner of America create classroom project requests that are fulfilled by generous citizen donors as well as corporations and foundations that want to support our nation's students.

Do teachers like me use it?

Yes! Teachers in every state, grade level, and subject area use our site. They work in communities of every size and with every level of economic need. If you are an educator at a public or public charter school, are employed full-time by the school or district, and work directly with students at least 75% of the time, you are eligible to post projects.



70%

Of teachers get funded

+398,000

Teachers with projects funded

+1,054,000

Projects funded

+\$620M

Raised

+26M

Students supported

+76,000

Schools participating

What can I ask for?

From pencils to 3D printers, you can request what you need to enrich your students' experience at school. Sports equipment? Musical instruments? Professional development? We can help with those too. If you can imagine it, you can post a classroom project request for it.

How long does it take?

How do I get my resources?

The average project request takes about 14 minutes to create and submit. Once your project is funded, we purchase all the resources for you and ship them directly to your school, providing you and your school or district with complete transparency and accountability throughout the process.

What kind of support will I get?

You're never alone! We raise over half of the funds available on our site, and we're always here to answer your questions through our [help center](#). Let's work together to get those resources for your students!

Looking to fund your next professional development experience?

We're excited to be able to help teachers request materials and resources for their own professional development. It's another way we're hoping to help teachers and students nationwide!

To get started, go to donorschoose.org/teachers. Then, click 'Get started' and select 'Professional Development' when you create a project. You are now on your way!

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Funding Professional Development on DonorsChoose.org FAQ

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What types of resources can I request?

You can request resources or experiences that will help you improve your craft as an educator. What you learn should ultimately benefit your students and can be applied to the classroom within the school year. In your project essay, you will need to describe the materials or experiences you are requesting, what you hope to learn from them, and how this learning will benefit your students.

For example, a book or workshop on classroom management is good (you will learn new strategies and your students will get to see them in action!); snow tires to help drive through the snowy winters of Wisconsin to get to class on time will not work (snow tires won't improve your craft and students will not get to experience a new skill you learned).

We're not able to accept requests for teacher salaries, gift cards, or any other purchases that occur before your project is fully funded. International trips should demonstrate that you'll be taking part in a professional development program while abroad. If you submit a trip or visitor project, the trip/visitor must take place between 2 and 8 months after your project submission date.

Any physical materials are considered property of the classroom according to our materials ownership policy.

Can I attend a conference or workshop over the summer?

Yes! The trip should take place between 2 and 8 months of when you submit the project.

Admission to the conference or workshop is only part of what I need to access professional development. Can I request funds for food and transportation, too?

Yes! We want to make sure everyone can have the best Professional Development experience possible, so if the program you want to experience is in a different place or will require a few days in a hotel, we've got you covered. When you create a Professional

Development trip project, you'll see that you can budget a few different items into your total project cost only for the days of your event:

Up to \$30 per day for food

Up to \$100 per day for lodging

Up to \$150 per project for transportation

Imagine you're attending a two-day workshop in another state. That means you could request up to \$60 for food, up to \$200 for lodging, and up to \$150 for transportation.

Make sure to separate these three costs in the "WHAT" section of your project. We'll process your food, lodging, and travel costs as reimbursements. After your trip takes place, just upload your receipts and we'll take it from there.