

FUND FOR TEACHERS

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Deadline: January 29, 2010.

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Fund for Teachers' grants are awarded to teachers working with students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Teachers submit proposals detailing how their fellowship will make them a better teacher and how their improved skills are to be implemented in the classroom, benefiting students, curricula and school. Teachers are awarded based on application quality and merit as judged by a committee.

Fund for Teachers is dedicated to fostering opportunities that bring fresh perspective, expertise and broad world knowledge into classrooms. We promote innovation. Some of the projects our fellows have pursued include:

- exploring Hawaii's active volcanoes.
- studying Islam through Morocco's political, social and economic development
- conducting research on the chemical impact of Puerto Rico's environment
- participating in a hands-on study of Beluga whales
- trekking across Laos learning about the Hmong culture
- sharpening Spanish skills in Guatemala

Program Description

Fund for Teachers is the national donor supported organization that awards fellowships for self-designed professional growth to teachers who recognize the value of inquiry, the power of knowledge and their ability to make a difference. FFT provides fellowship grants directly to teachers, with more than three years of experience, to support their professional learning during the summer. Their experiences come in many forms, but share the purpose of better teaching. Ultimately, FFT believes that by experiencing the potential of their personal and professional learning, teachers in turn inspire potential in their students.

Award Information

The number of awards will be limited by the merit of the applications and the funding available.

Eligible applicants may:

Apply for up to \$3,000 as an individual

Apply for up to \$10,000 as a team of two or more eligible applicants

Basic eligibility requirements include the following:

- Employed by a school/district in an eligible geographic area
- Teach in a Pre-K through 12th grade classroom
- Minimum of three years classroom teaching experience
- A full-time teacher spending at least 50% of the time in the classroom or a classroom-like setting
- Must have the intention of returning to teaching in their school/district in the consecutive school year
- Teachers may be awarded a Fund for Teachers grant once every five years

How to Prepare and Submit an Application

All applicants MUST apply online. FFT will accept applications between October 1, 2009 and January 29, 2010.

Online submissions must be made by 5:00 pm CST on Friday, January 29, 2010.

The only portion of the application that must be mailed is the signature page ("Cover Sheet"), which must be postmarked by Friday, January 29, 2010.