

# **Kansas Educators Support Foundation**

## **First-Year Teacher Classroom Start-Up Grant Application**

Thank you for your dedication to the teaching profession! As a new Kansas educator, we know you face many challenges—from preparing your classroom to acquiring professional clothing and essential supplies—all before your first paycheck arrives. This \$1000 grant is designed to help ease that burden and support you as you begin your journey in education.

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### **Applicant Information**

**Full Name:**

**Personal Email Address:**

**School (Professional) Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Mailing Address:**

**College or University:**

**Graduation Month and Year:**

**District Name & Number:**

**School Name:**

**Grade Level and Subject Area(s) You Will Teach:**

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### **About Your Journey into Teaching**

**Personal Statement (max 500 words):**

Please tell us about yourself and your decision to become a teacher. Who or what inspired you to choose education as your career? What are your hopes and goals for your first year in the classroom? You should include this as an additional document, ensuring your first and last name appear on all attachments.

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## Grant Purpose

**How will you use these grant funds? (check all that apply):**

- Classroom Supplies
- Professional Clothing
- Student Incentives
- Organization & Storage
- Curriculum Resources
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe how this grant will support your success during your first year (max 200 words):**

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## Permissions

We love to celebrate Kansas educators and share your success! Please complete the following:

- I give permission to the Kansas Educators Support Foundation to use my name, photo, and information from this application on social media, the KESF website, or other publications for the purpose of promoting the Proud Educator license plate program and celebrating grant recipients.
- I understand I need to include a personal headshot as an attachment with this application for KESF to use in promotion of the First-Year Teacher Classroom Start-Up Grant. I will not include photos that include other people.

**Signature (Typed Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Submission

Submit the completed application with personal statement, statement about grant use, and personal photo for media to [kseducatorsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:kseducatorsfoundation@gmail.com) by August 30, 2025.

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## Timeline

Applications are accepted until August 30, 2025. Award notifications will be sent via email by September 15, 2025, and funds will be distributed directly to the recipient by September 30, 2025.

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## Additional Info

Learn more about the **Kansas Proud Educator specialty license plate** and how your support helps fund this grant at <http://www.kseducatorsfoundation.org>.

Questions? Contact us at [kseducatorsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:kseducatorsfoundation@gmail.com).

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**Thank you for choosing to teach in Kansas. You are the future of our state, and we are proud to support you every step of the way.**

*The Kansas Educators Support Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by a Kansas public school teacher to provide support, advocacy, and inspiration to fellow educators.*

