



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements.

- A full-time preK-12th grade teacher who spends at least 50% of your time **directly providing instruction to students**;
- Returning to the classroom in the consecutive school year; and
- Have at least three years' experience as a preK-12th grade teacher at the end of the school year
 - Student and substitute teaching do not count towards the three year requirement
 - As long as the applicant has three years' experience by the time of their fellowship, Fund for Teachers considers them eligible.

School support staff that do not provide instruction to students for at least 50% of their full time position are not eligible. One-on-one instructional time does not count toward the 50% time requirement described above. Administrators, such as principals, may not apply, nor may they act as the partner applicant. If you have specific questions regarding your position, please email info@fundforteachers.org or call 1.800.681.2667.

Previous recipients must wait for 5 years before reapplying.

B. Project Eligibility

Fund for Teachers will not provide monies for:

- Student travel
- The completion of baccalaureate or post baccalaureate degrees, including:
 - Courses for graduate credit
 - University College or Credit Hours*
- Onsite (or campus) professional development at your school or by the district
- Compensation for substitutes
- Stipends
- No learning experience: The total grant award cannot go towards classroom supplies, such as books, technology, or other materials.

**University courses, such as teacher professional development trips/programs are an allowable fellowship type. However, if the choice is given to pay for credit hours toward a degree that portion of the cost will be at the expense of the Fellow. If the credit hours are included, and non-negotiable they are permitted, so long as the applicant is not using these hours to complete a baccalaureate degree.*

C. Other Eligibility Issues

- Applicants may submit only one grant application per year.

- Proposals containing any plagiarism will be disqualified.
- Fellowships must take place during the summer. Exceptions are made on a case by case basis, and are extremely rare.