# Inspiring Educators – Frequently Asked Questions

**How can grant funds be used?**
Inspiring Educators grants are intended to support and enhance the recipient's classroom learning environment. Grant funds are used to purchase items that directly benefit students and support classroom learning. As in previous years, Amazon wishlists will be used to fulfill recipient requests.

**Are there restrictions on how grant funds may be spent?**
Grant funds must be used for items that support the classroom learning environment and benefit students. All purchases will be reviewed and fulfilled through the program's Amazon wishlist process. Funds may not be used for personal expenses.

**How are educators selected?**
Educators are selected based on the impact they make on their students and the broader community. The quality and substance of the nomination will be heavily weighted in the selection process. Inspiring Educators is not a popularity contest, and the number of nominations an educator receives does not determine their selection. We are looking for educators who demonstrate a meaningful, positive impact on the students they serve.

**Is there a selection rubric or specific scoring criteria?**
The selection process includes established criteria and scoring rubric used by the review committee. To maintain the integrity of the selection process, the detailed scoring rubric is not publicly available.

**Are preschool teachers eligible for Inspiring Educators?**
Yes. Preschool educators at eligible campus-based programs, including Coyote Canyon and WACOG, may be nominated. Preschool programs operated independently of an eligible school campuses are not included in this year's program.