



The NEA Foundation Funds Missouri NEA Member Grant

Florissant Educators Receive \$2,000 for Classroom Program

WASHINGTON, DC (August 9, 2017) — Carrie Ziolkowski, a 2nd to 5th grade educator in the Galactic Gifted Program in Florissant, Mo., and partner Susan Schneider have received a \$2,000 Student Achievement grant from the NEA Foundation. This grant will fund LEGO WeDo 2.0 Kits to introduce students to the world of engineering through tinkering and exploration.

“By exposing students to STEM content early on, we hope to build student confidence and expose them to valuable 21st-century learning skills from the primary grades on,” Ziolkowski says.

In the past year of this program, the NEA Foundation has awarded 113 grants that have reached 3,722 educators and 66,242 students in 33 states. Over 800 educators across the country applied for the grants.

“By directly funding educator-conceived and -led projects, the Foundation enables educators to chart their own course to solve teaching and learning challenges,” said Harriet Sanford, president and CEO of the NEA Foundation.

The NEA Foundation awards two levels of grant funding, \$2,000 or \$5,000, for two categories of grants to public education professionals: Student Achievement grants for initiatives to improve academic achievement, and Learning and Leadership grants for high-quality educational professional development activities.

A team of 20 educators, many of them former grantees, carefully reviewed all applications and evaluated each one against a set of criteria. Funded educator grants were selected for the quality of the grant proposal ideas and their potential for enhancing student achievement.

Over the past five years, the NEA Foundation has invested more than \$2.4 million in teaching grants to support the work of almost 35,000 educators and 512,000 students from almost every state in the country to help students succeed. Each year, the Foundation awards approximately 120 Student Achievement and Learning and Leadership grants.

The NEA Foundation awards its grants to educators three times a year. Grants are available for NEA members only, and the next education grant deadline is October 15, 2017. Application forms and a video with step-by-step instructions on how to apply can be found in the [Grants to Educators](#) section of the NEA Foundation website.

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Editor's Note: Please use our correct name, the NEA Foundation. The "NEA" is never spelled out in our name. It is not the National Education Association Foundation. Many thanks!

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