

State of Michigan Classroom Heroes Grant Program for School Employees

Grant Notice of Eligibility and Process of Identification

The state has announced additional Michigan Classroom Heroes grants for identified GSRP, Head Start, Adult Education, and Young Adult Special Education Teachers who provided services to students during school building closures due to the coronavirus pandemic. Eligible classroom teachers can receive up to \$500. Checks are expected to be sent out by the Michigan Department of Treasury the week of June 4, 2021

Michele Blair will email the grant certification form 5741 to potentially eligible teachers and support staff beginning March 19, 2021. **It is important to note that there may be employees who are initially qualified for the grant, but do not meet the grant's eligibility requirements.** If you do not receive an eligibility notification email by the end of the day March 19 and wish to appeal, please email mblair@sjvkids.org **no later than April 9, 2021.**

Please note that the grant includes some very specific definitions and requirements:

Classroom Teacher:

Defined as a full-time or part-time GSRP, Head Start, adult education and young adult (ages 18-26) special education teachers who provided continuity of learning to students during the 2019-2020 period of school closure that resulted from COVID-19.

Please be aware that in addition to being listed as a potentially eligible individual, there are additional criteria that must be met to actually qualify for and be approved for the stipend including:

1. All teachers must have worked (**provided services to students**) in a school district or non-profit nonpublic school in the 2019-2020 school year and additionally must have performed at least 75% of their workload in a brick and mortar building.
2. After the issuance of Executive Order 2020-35 on April 2, 2020, teachers must have developed tools and methods to deliver distance learning, take-home packets, or other methods described in the district's continuity of learning plan.
3. **Additionally, teachers must certify that they met the following conditions:**
 - a. Worked additional time spent outside of normal working hours
 - b. Experienced hazardous conditions, or
 - c. Incurred additional personal costs related to ensuring students could effectively participate in their school's continuity of learning plans.

For additional information, please refer to the [State of Michigan Treasury Department Mi Classroom Heroes Website](#).

Teacher and Support Staff Grant Program Resources

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
- [Public Act 257 of 2020, Section 553](#)