



The Ellen Spycher Teacher's Fund

2025-2026 Classroom Award Application

What is this fund for?

This fund is designed to assist teachers in District 61 with out-of-pocket expenses that occur during the course of the school year. There are no restrictions, other than a 10% limit on food items, for the purchases made with these funds. Any classroom supplies, books, etc. may be purchased using the award.

Who is eligible for these funds?

Any District 61 classroom teacher from Pre-K through 12th Grade is eligible to apply.

How are the recipients chosen?

A drawing to determine the winners will be held if more than twenty-five applications are received by the deadline of Friday, October 31, 2025. Winners will be drawn in November.

How much is available?

\$125 per teacher will be awarded to 25 winners.

How to apply?

Submit this form to the Decatur Public Schools Foundation, 101 W. Cerro Gordo, through school mail by October 31st. Notification to recipients will occur via group email to the winners.

Date _____ Name (please print) _____

School _____ Grade Level(s) _____

Position _____

Email address _____ Phone number _____

*I understand that if I receive this award, I will be responsible for submitting to the Foundation a brief email report of how funds were spent. **This response is required by June 1st***

Signature

Date