

# Apply for an Educators for Equity grant

At NWEA®, our mission is simple but vast: Partnering to help all kids learn®. Our Educators for Equity Grant Program lets us work with educators like you to do just that.

Every summer, we award grants up to \$10,000 to educators from eligible schools and non-profits who need help funding programs that foster growth for students facing systemic barriers to a high-quality education. Does that sound like you? Here's everything you need to know to apply.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for an NWEA Educators for Equity grant, you must work for a school or non-profit in the US that serves pre-K-12 students and:

- i. is a public school, or
- ii. has an IRS determination letter of section 501(c)(3) status

Applicants do not need to be current users of NWEA products and services.

Organizations and activities not eligible for funding are:

- + For-profit organizations
- + Religious programs or activities
- + Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical circumstances, age, status as a veteran, or national origin, including those that discriminate in hiring practices

## The selection process

Our review committee includes individuals from NWEA and other educational equity leaders. All members receive equity training to ensure they apply the same selection criteria and standards to each application.

We favor applications that feature programs demonstrating long-term impact on individual students, especially those that incorporate experiential learning or hands-on experiences. When evaluating applications, the review committee focuses on the following:

- + **Populations served:** Extent to which the program supports students who face systemic barriers to academic opportunities, including students who identify as black or African American, Hispanic/Latinx of any race, Native American, or Asian/Pacific Islander; students learning English and who speak a language other than English fluently; and students experiencing economic disadvantage
- + **Evidence-based programming:** Justification of an evidence-based, high-quality program focused on facilitating the academic development of students
- + **Equity mission:** Alignment with NWEA's priority to remove systemic barriers to academic success for economically disadvantaged students and/or students of color
- + **Cultural relevance:** Evidence of culturally relevant fit based on the community/populations served
- + **Academic focus:** Explicitly focused on improving academic opportunities and outcomes for students served
- + **Funding for program operations:** The extent to which grant awards will go to program operations, versus supplies and materials (funding is not intended for the primary purpose of purchasing supplies and materials or for professional development)

## How to apply

You can apply at [nwea.org/equitygrant](https://nwea.org/equitygrant) anytime during the application window, which varies from year to year. Visit our website for the dates for the year in which you're applying.

You'll be asked to include the following information on your application:

- + **School/classroom demographics:** School demographics by racial/ethnic subgroup; percentage of English language learners; percentage of students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch or proof of participation in the Community Eligibility Program (all students receive free/reduced lunch); percentages of mobile students and homeless students, if available
- + **Program overview/summary:** Number of students served; program content, including evidence on which the program is based; program timeline; curriculum, if applicable (please specify if it is aligned to state standards)
- + **Measurable outcomes:** The academic outcomes the program aims to achieve for student participants and how outcomes will be measured
- + **Program budget:** An itemized budget that shows each expense associated with the program along with a brief description of each entry

Get started at [nwea.org/equitygrant](https://nwea.org/equitygrant).



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