## What is Donorschoose.org?

Donorschoose.org is a non-profit website that helps teachers acquire the materials they need to enrich the quality of their classroom instruction. Donorschoose.org connects you with individual donors and large corporations who make financial contributions to provide you with the resources you need. In essence, it's a micro-grant program.

## How much funding is available?

Last school year, Donorschoose.org awarded \$24 Million to teachers across the country, and that number continues to grow. The funding is generated by private and corporate donors that want to help students in need.

## Who is eligible to submit a request?

You must be a full-time educator at a public school (employed by the district), spending at least 75% of your time working directly with students. Private schools and charter schools not affiliated with a public district are not eligible.

## What School Specialty products can I request on Donorschoose.org?

You can request ANY School Specialty items found in our catalogs through Donorschoose. org. Just select from one of the following School Specialty brands when you are presented with the list of supplier choices.





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is a nonprofit that connects public school teachers with people who want to support classroom learning.



#### How do we get started?

It's easy to request School Specialty products on Donorschoose.org, just follow these simple steps:

- 1 Register for a free account on <u>www.donorschoose.org.</u> Enter some basic profile information and upload a classroom photo.
- 2 Go Shopping! Select from any of the following School Specialty brands. You will be taken to our website where you can select products from any of the following catalogs.
- Tell Donorschoose.org how your students will benefit from the materials. Answer a few simple questions, and you're done!
- 4 Spread the word via email and Facebook about your project request and ask others to consider making a donation.
- 5 When your project request has received 100% funding, you will receive an email notification from Donor's Choose. Just confirm that you still want the materials, and they will be delivered to you at your school.
- 6 You will be asked to send thank you notes and pictures to Donor's Choose of your students using the materials you've received. If you do this by the deadline provided to you, you will earn points that allow you to request more materials on Donorschoose.org.

### Need more ideas on the types of products you can request on Donorschoose.org?

Whether you need materials to teach math, science, reading, art, physical education, or other subjects – School Specialty has a solution. We've put together some of our most popular product "bundles" by category to make it even easier to submit your first project request on Donorschoose.org. Please ask your School Specialty Account Manager for more information.

### **Additional Tips & Tricks**

- Keep the value of your project request to  $$400^{\circ\circ} \text{ or less.}$
- Make sure the emails from Donorschoose.org are not going into your spam folder!
- Create multiple project requests to increase your chances of receiving funding.
- Ask parents and students to distribute the attached postcards in the local community

Need more information or additional training? Contact your local School Specialty Account Manager

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