

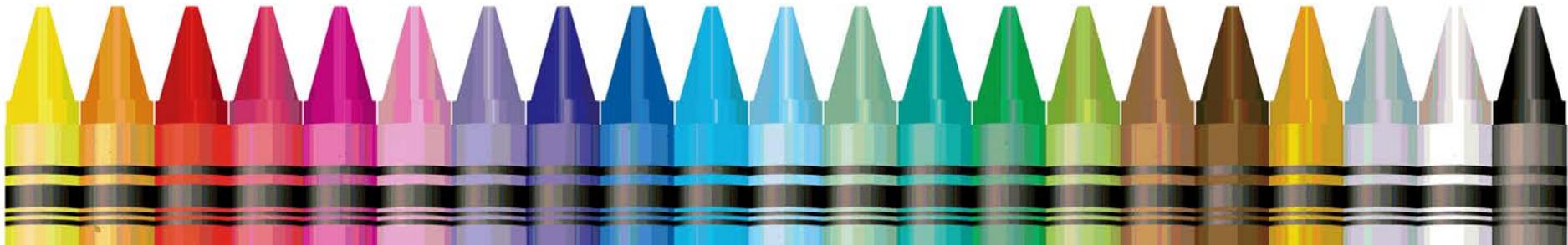


**Helen Pouch Memorial Fund
Classroom Grant Award Program**

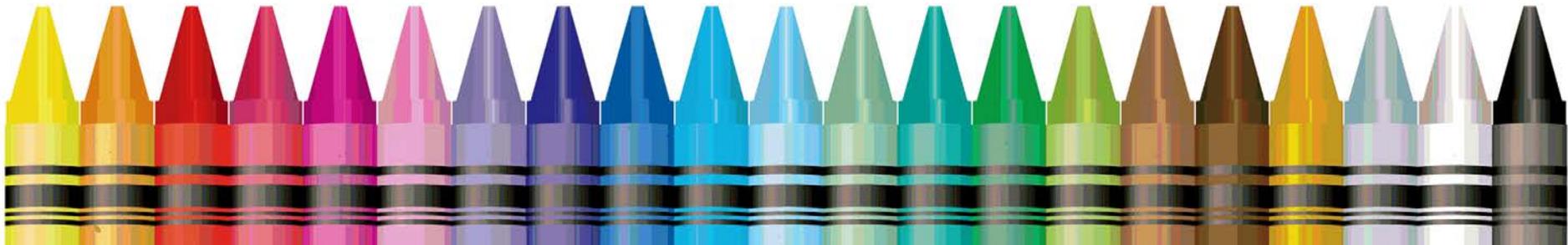
Made possible through the DAR National Junior Membership Committee
Jamie Durham Burchfield, National Chair

History of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund

- Presented by the National Junior Assembly held during Continental Congress in April 1938 as a scholarship fund named in memory of Helen Pouch, daughter of Mrs. William H. Pouch, the first National Chairman of Junior Membership.
- Funds poured in and at the end of the first year, 3 \$100 dollar scholarships were awarded.
- By 1951 the Junior Membership Committee was able to send \$1500 hundred dollars to both Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith DAR Schools and \$100 to the 11 other approved schools through the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

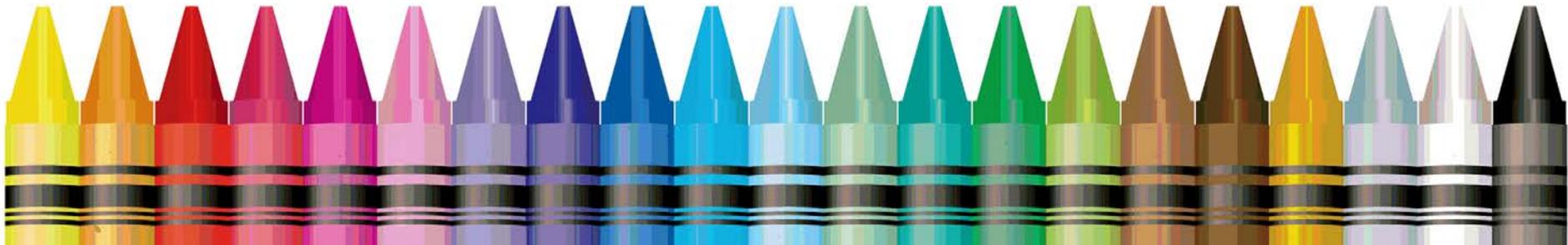


- In 1985 more than \$48,000 was raised from contributions and profits from the sale of nationally approved stationery and jewelry and from the sale of Lincoln House products.
- In 1998, during the Kemper Administration more than \$100,000 was presented to Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith DAR Schools, the largest donation made by the Junior Membership committee in the 60 year history of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.
- Junior Sales items, as we know them today, were introduced during the Watkins Administration which led to a dramatic increase in yearly profit for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.



Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Disbursement Totals

2017	\$200,000+	2009	\$122,000
2016	\$225,082	2008	\$137,290
2015	\$186,400	2007	\$109,730
2014	\$142,084	2006	\$122,000
2013	\$150,872	2005	\$109,730
2012	\$195,000	2004	\$121,000
2011	\$125,000	2003	\$110,000
2010	\$145,300	2002	\$55,000



2016 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Distributions

Tamassee DAR School: \$48,020 (Commercial Dishwasher and Oven)

Kate Duncan Smith DAR School: \$38,600 (Baseball/Softball Field Renovation, Zero Turn Radius Lawn Mower, Student Health Needs, and High School Art Supplies)

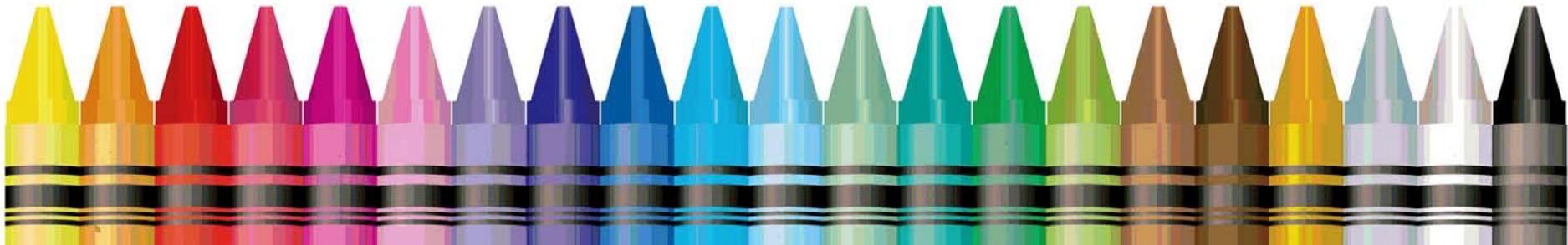
Hillside School: \$40,000 (Scholarship, Outdoor Farm Classroom, Orchard, Baseball Dugouts, Windscreen for Baseball Outfield, Indoor Pitching Mound)

Hindman Settlement School: \$36,384 (Outdoor Classroom, Meals for Summer Tutoring Program, and Technology)

The Crossnore School: \$25,500 (New Cottage Furniture)

Berry College: \$25,000 (Gate of Opportunity Scholarship, Chapel Carillon and Sound System, Cabin in the Pines Project)

K.I.S.S. Helen Pouch Memorial Fund National Project: \$14,822

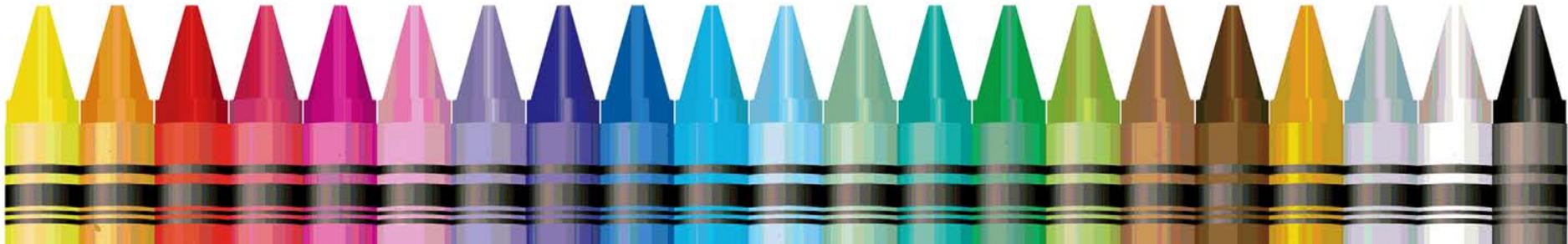


The Helen Pouch Memorial Fund National Project

Introduced during the Young Administration to address the growth in fundraising and expand the impact of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

Each state is given the opportunity to propose a project that fulfills the DAR's mission of Historic Preservation, Patriotism, and Education. Proposals are voted on by the Junior Membership Committee and adopted by the Executive Board of Management.

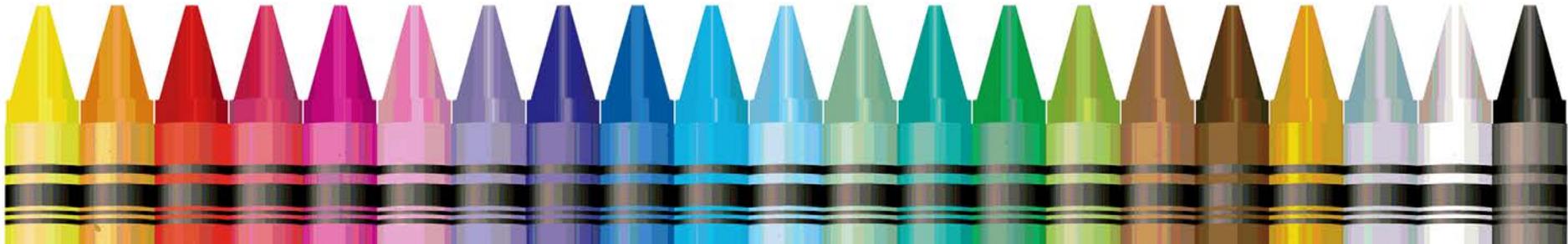
Interestingly, all three projects so far have dealt with military and veteran-related non-profits: K.I.S.S. (Kids in Support of Soldiers), Purple Hearts Reunited, and the 2017 project: Operation Freedom.



The Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Award Program

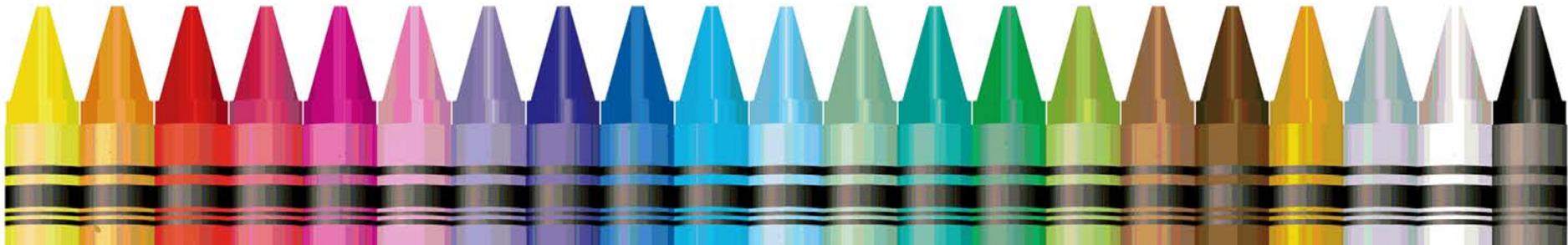
Why Classroom Grants?

- Since its inception, the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund has traditionally supported the DAR's mission of Education. The history of the fund has shown a desire by Juniors to help as many students as possible.
- Supporting a classroom in each state allows for states and Juniors to see the impact of our fundraising, no matter their proximity to a DAR supported school.
- We can easily grow this program to impact more classrooms and more students across the country. The greater our gifts to Helen Pouch, the greater our give to children and education can be.



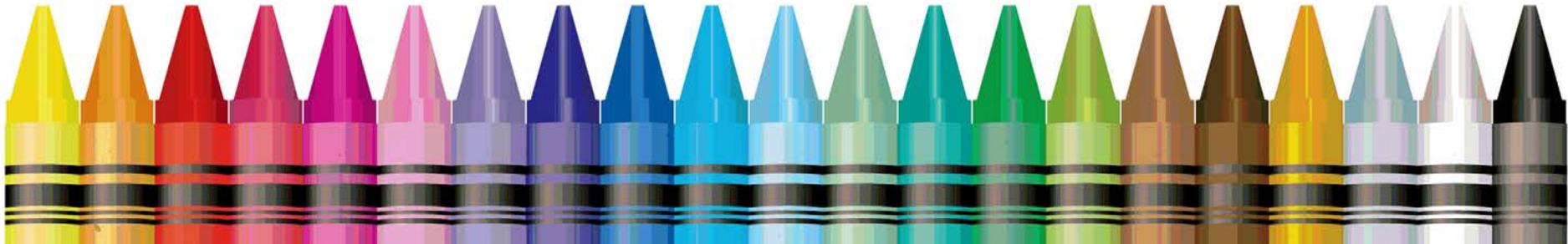
Classroom Grant Award Program

- 51 \$500 grants were awarded in 2017.
- One is available for each state and the District of Columbia.
- Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade.
- Must be sponsored by a local DAR chapter.
- Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom.
- Funds may be used for supplies and educational resources but the applicant must detail how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR.

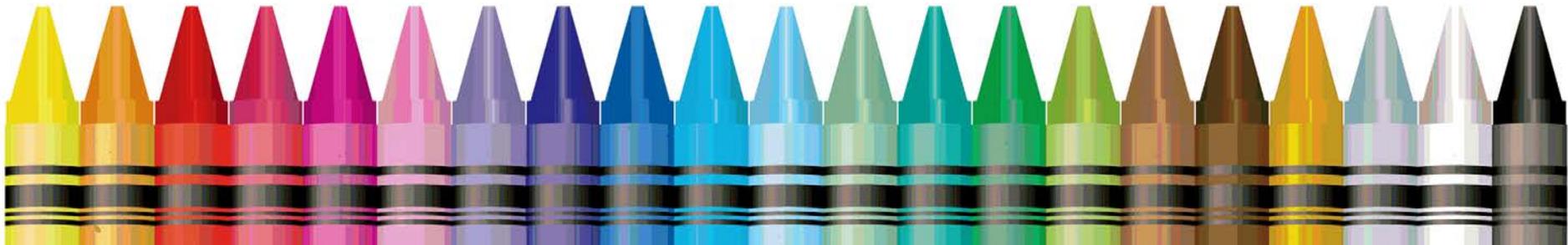


Program Administration

- Application process will begin in February each year, once funding availability has been determined.
- Once the application period has ended, a panel of three judges will review the applications for their state and determine a Winner and Runner-Up.
- The panel of judges will consist of the State Junior Membership Chair, a Junior Member, and a DAR member who is an educator.
 - The DAR member who is an educator may also be a Junior member.
 - The educator does not have to be a current teacher, she may be retired or currently working in a different field.



- The State Chair submits her state's winner and runner-up to the National Junior Membership Chair by the designated date.
- The National Chair will certify each state's winner.
- Should a state not submit a grant award winner, the National Chair may award that state's grant to the runner-up of another state.
- Preference will be given to states within the same division as a state not submitting a grant award winner.
- Grant Award Winners will be announced at Continental Congress.
- Awards will be distributed in July/August upon verification of current employment with the school district.
- The grant is a one-time award and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years.



2019 Classroom Grant Award Timeline

February 15 through April 1, 2019

Application process open to classroom teachers.

May 15, 2019

Deadline for submitting the state winner and runner up to the National Junior Membership Chair.

June 1, 2019

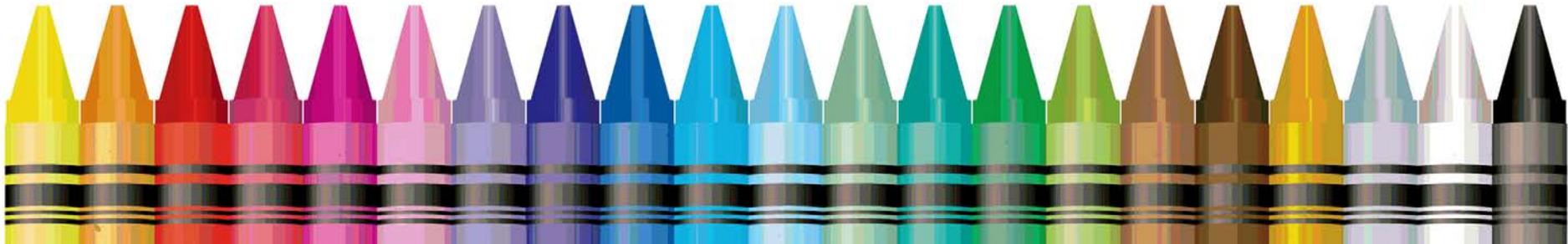
The list of award winners will be submitted to the Executive Board of Management for approval.

Continental Congress

Official Announcement of 2019 Grant Award Recipients

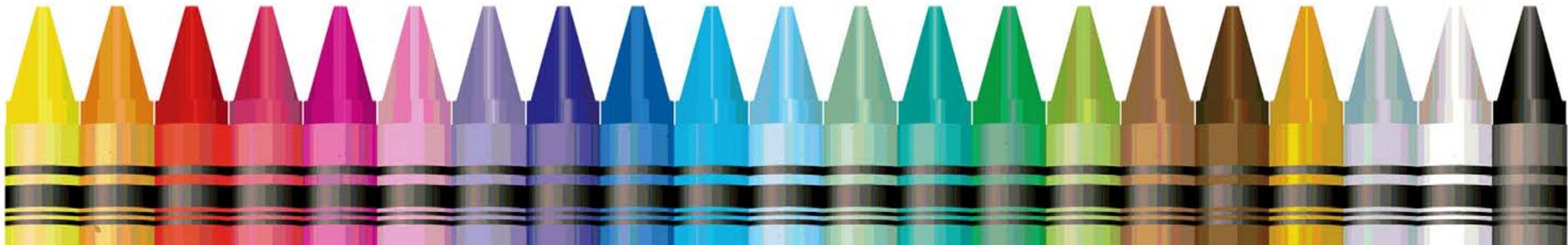
July/August 2019

Disbursement of funds to recipients.

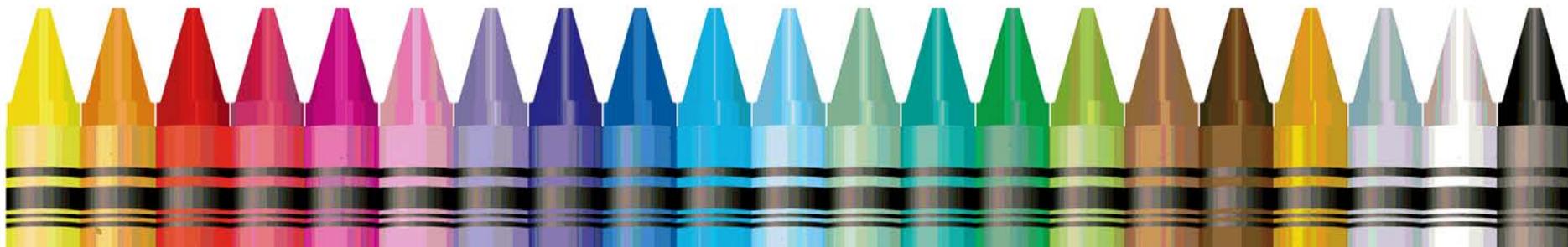


How to distribute information

- Each applicant should receive the application and information sheet.
- Distribute to chapters in your state via email, snail mail, social media.
- **Get the word out however you can and as quickly as possible!**



**Classroom Grant
Application and
Information
Sheet**



Anticipated Questions

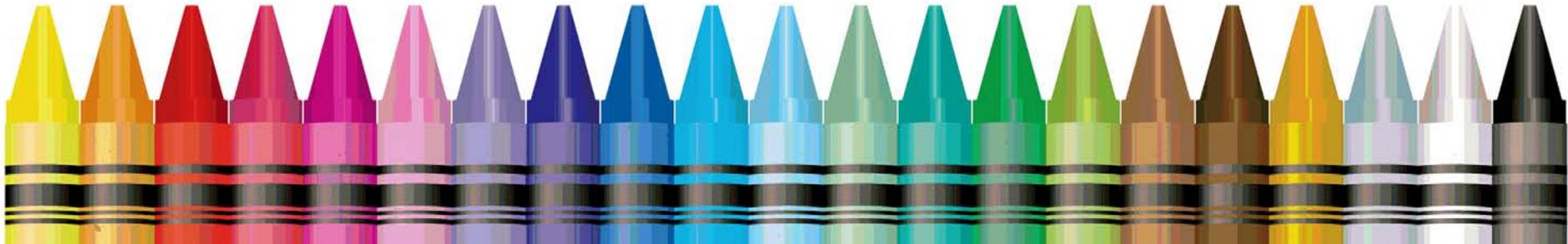
How will this program effect our commitment to the DAR Schools?

It won't! The Junior Membership committee and Helen Pouch Memorial Fund have an annual commitment of \$120,000 to the DAR Schools. Priority for fundraising will always be given to the DAR Schools.

How will this program effect the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund National Project?

It won't! After our commitment to the DAR Schools, the Junior Membership Committee will fulfill our obligation to the adopted National Project for that year prior to accepting grant award applications.

The annual grant award amount will be approved by the Executive Board of Management at the February Board of Management meeting after reviewing the total amount available for disbursement for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund from contributions and fundraising for the prior year.

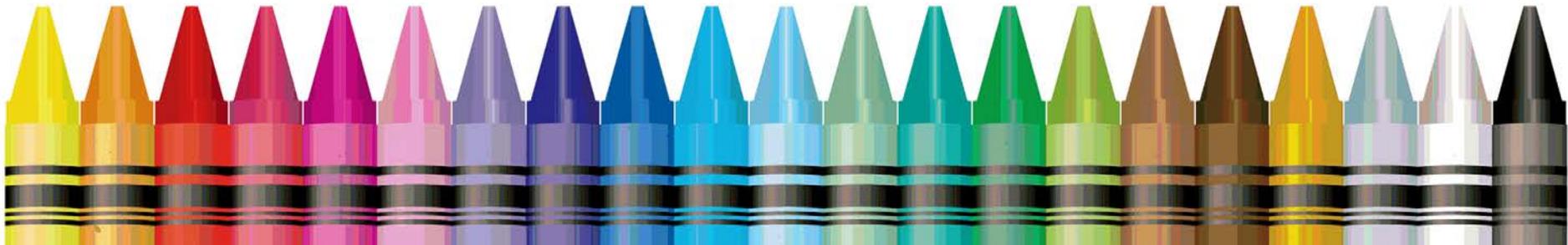


Are DAR members who are classroom teachers eligible to apply for grants?

Yes, though we recommend that you seek out non-DAR members in order to broaden awareness of our organization.

Should we do anything to recognize our grant award winner?

Of course! Consider making a ceremonial check presentation to the winner at your state's fall meeting or holding a special ceremony at the recipient's classroom or at a meeting of the sponsoring DAR chapter. You could also recognize your winner during your State Conference in the spring and allow the teacher to speak about the impact the grant has had on their classroom. Write an article about the project for your state's newsletters. Submit details to the National Junior Membership newsletter, The Explorer.

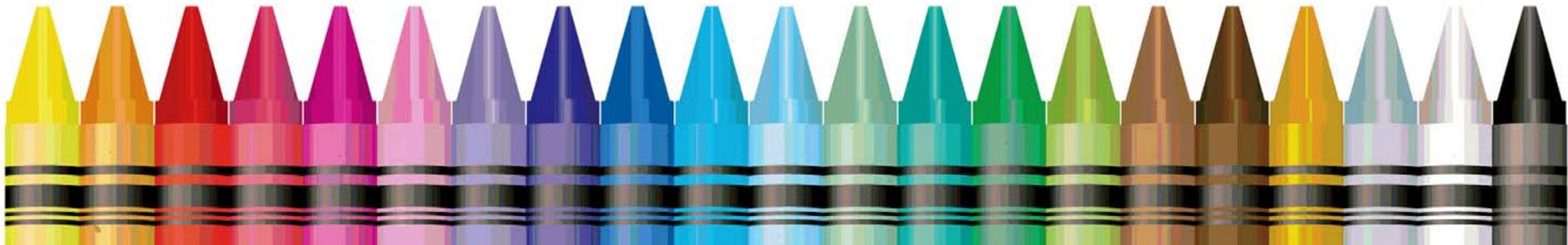


Can we "break up" our award to address the needs of multiple recipients?

No, just one winner will be chosen per state so that our dollars may have the most impact possible in per classroom.

Can a state award a second grant from their own funds?

All funds raised by the Juniors for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund must be submitted to the Treasurer General for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. The more we grow the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, the more we can give! We are better together and can make a stronger impact working as one. If states begin to hold back money to give their own grants, our fund total will suffer and we will see a decrease in what we have available to disburse to the DAR Schools, National Project and Classroom Grant Program.



Questions?

