

The Southern California Kindergarten Conference's
34th Annual Conference
for Pre-K, TK, Kindergarten and First Grade Educators

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Teacher Award Application



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Dear Educator:

Great teachers are always looking for new ways to expand their instruction and engage their students. Innovative teaching is important, but can be expensive. The **Southern California Kindergarten Conference, Inc. (SCKC)** is pleased to announce a limited number of *Teacher Awards* for educators of children ages four to seven.

SCKC Teacher Awards are given in amounts up to \$1,500 and a complementary registration for the 2021 Annual Conference (valued at \$264). The Teacher Awards are used for an unlimited variety of projects, all designed to create enhanced learning environments for teachers, their students, and their school communities. These funds pave the way for new programs and add support to existing programs in the area of language arts, science, technology, art, music, and more.

We believe that supporting teachers positively impacts student learning and achievement. If you have an eligible project or program, we encourage you to apply! Please read the Teacher Award *Guidelines* before completing the *Teacher Award Application* online at <http://bit.ly/2020TeacherAwardApplication>. All applications should be completed online no later than **December 1, 2019**.

If you have any questions, please contact the SCKC office at (661) 297-6900 or email at Channon.Morris@SoCalKindergartenConference.org.

Sincerely,

The SCKC Teacher Award Committee

TEACHER AWARD GUIDELINES

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SCKC Philosophy and Mission Statement:

The Southern California Kindergarten Conference, Inc (SCKC) produces conferences and workshops for Pre-K, TK, Kindergarten, and First Grade Educators and others interested in the education of children ages four through seven years. SCKC's goal is to provide strategies and materials for teaching the standards in all areas using the most current research-based and brain-based teaching methodologies, including strategies to teach with rigor, relevance, and relationships. SCKC strives to demonstrate developmentally appropriate ideas to incorporate play, inquiry, critical thinking, collaboration, and to foster all domains of development: physical, emotional, social, and intellectual.

Eligibility Criteria:

- ❑ Employed full-time as a Pre-K to first grade teacher (instructing ages four through seven) and spends at least 50% of their work week in direct instruction with students in a classroom or classroom-like setting.
- ❑ Intends to continue teaching in the consecutive school year.
- ❑ Must be registered and paid to attend the 34th Annual Conference for Pre-K, TK, Kindergarten, and First Grade Educators on Friday, February 28, 2020 and Saturday, February 29, 2020.
- ❑ Individuals may apply for up to \$1,500 for their classroom project or program. The Teacher Award may be used for an unlimited variety of projects, all designed to create enhanced learning environments for teachers, their students, and their school communities. These funds may be used for new programs or to add support to existing programs in the area of language arts, science, technology, art, music, and more.
- ❑ The Southern California Kindergarten Conference, Inc. will not provide monies for travel, the completion of baccalaureate or post baccalaureate degrees, teacher certifications, university/college credit hours, courses for graduate credit, onsite (or campus) professional development at your school or by the district, compensation for substitutes or stipends, school facilities, repair, and/or maintenance, and consumable items.
- ❑ Previous recipients must wait for three (3) years before reapplying.
- ❑ Eligible teachers may submit one application per award cycle.

Evaluation Criteria:

Each eligible application is reviewed by a selection committee comprised of educators, administrators, and child development specialists and ranked using a scoring rubric. The selection committee will carefully select a proposal that reflects our organization's philosophy and specifically meets the California Common Core State Standards, California Preschool Learning Foundations, or the California Preschool Curriculum Framework. The recommended proposals are then reviewed by the SCKC Board of Directors for final selection and funding.

Benefit:

Selected applicants will receive an amount up to \$1,500. and a complementary registration for the 2021 Annual Conference (valued up to \$264).

Timeline:

November 30, 2019: Registration Deadline for the 2020 Annual Conference (applicant must be registered and paid).

December 1, 2019: Application Deadline

January 12, 2020: Teacher Awardees announced via email

February 29, 2020: Presentation of Awards at the 2020 Annual Conference at 7:30 a.m.

December 31, 2020: Teacher Award Recipient Report

Please submit applications online at <http://bit.ly/2020TeacherAwardApplication>. All applications should be completed online no later than **December 1, 2019**.

Southern California Kindergarten Conference, Inc. reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of this Teacher Award program at any time, including termination.