

AZ Insider: Teachers Can Apply for Fiesta Bowl Charities Grants

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Here's some exciting news for K-12 teachers in Arizona! You can now apply to be one of the 200 teachers who will receive a \$5,000 grant from Fiesta Bowl Charities. The charitable arm of the Fiesta Bowl is donating a total of \$1 million through Wishes for Teachers and powered by the Drivetime program.

Mike Nealy the Fiesta Bowl Executive Director says that since launching Wishes for Teachers, they have seen the impact extra funding has made throughout Arizona classrooms. It's part of the Fiesta Bowl's mission to enhance the lives of Arizonans through youth, sports and education.

Applications are open to all Arizona K-12 public or charter school teachers, through October 5. After meeting the criteria, wishes are selected at random for teachers to receive a \$5,000 grant.

"This program was created to show appreciation for and celebrate all that teachers do every day," adds **Nealy**. "We realize teachers dedicate their time, effort and personal funds to enhance their students' lives, so our support helps teachers continue to shape our future leaders."

Wishes for Teachers Draft Day will be held on Tuesday, October 29, and is building off last year's success with an even bigger event for 2019. Draft Day will be hosted at Sneaky Big Studios as part of a full broadcast production. Local community heroes and celebrities will select and personally notify each of the 200 teachers who will receive a grant.



"Teachers who have benefited from Wishes for Teachers grants have enhanced their classrooms and schools through technology, reading, music and more," said **Patrick Barkley**, Chair of the Fiesta Bowl Board of Directors.

"Each year the program has become bigger and better. With over 110,000 students already impacted through Wishes for Teachers powered by DriveTime, we can't wait to see what happens this year."

"The great gift of education is the sustainable soul of society," said **Don Reese**, CEO of DriveTime. "It is our responsibility to generously pass it on to all our educators and future generations." [Teachers interested in apply can click here.](#)

Good luck!



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