



Tips for Your Custom Search

Less Is More

Avoid multiple selections within the same category. Instead, narrow your search results by selecting just one from each category (e.g. National, Public, 9-12, Science).

For example, try this search:

State: National		
Institution Eligibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Check All		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Charter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (including homeschool)	
Grade Level: <input type="checkbox"/> Check All		
<input type="checkbox"/> PreK	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult
<input type="checkbox"/> K-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Higher Ed
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-12	
Content Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Check All		
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading/English/Language Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> World Languages
<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science	

But avoid this search:

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Choosing Your Eligibility

Here's what we mean by public, private, charter, and other:

- **Public:** Public schools, public school libraries, and public universities, institutions, or districts
- **Private:** Private schools, private school libraries, and private universities, institutions districts, or any faith-based* school
- **Charter:** Charter schools
- **Other:** Public and private nonprofit agencies or organizations, home school, any faith-based organizations, agency, or organization, public libraries, etc.

*Includes parochial schools.

Note: Individual teachers, administrators, and other faculty within schools fall under public, private, or charter, based on the school in which they work.

Getting Into Focus

Here are some helpful clarifications about our focus areas:

- **At-Risk:** Students at risk for failure in school
- **General Education:** Grants that do not focus on a specific content area; may include all content areas
- **Professional Development:** Includes teacher scholarships and individual teacher awards
- **Service Learning:** Combines community services with structured opportunities for learning
- **Underserved Populations:** Provided with inadequate services (often used in healthcare, but also social services or education)

Individual Awards for Teachers, Principals, and Other Educators

To find individual awards, search under “Adult,” not by the grade level in which the individual teaches or works. Teachers in high schools, for example, will still fall under the “Adult” selection, not under “9-12.”

Note: To make the most of your search for individual awards, we suggest you pair this selection with a focus on professional development. For example:

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<input type="checkbox"/> K-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Higher Ed
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-12	
Focus: <input type="checkbox"/> Check All		
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Placement/Academic Achievement	<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities/Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Development
<input type="checkbox"/> After School	<input type="checkbox"/> Family/Consumer Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> Family/Social Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Drug-Free Schools
<input type="checkbox"/> At Risk	<input type="checkbox"/> General Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Service Learning