



The Strong Beginnings Project

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

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OFFICIAL RULES (UPDATED)

1. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN

No purchase, donation, or payment is necessary to enter, participate, or win.

2. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the Sensory Classroom Support Initiative (“Program”), applicants must:

- Be a certified teacher
- Be employed by a public or charter school
- Be located in Yuma County, Arizona
- Maintain an active classroom assignment during the Program period
- Not be employed by or affiliated with micro-schools, homeschool programs, or private/non-accredited educational programs

A participant may be deemed ineligible at the sole discretion of Strong Beginnings Project (“Sponsor”) if the participant:

- Provides false, incomplete, or misleading information
- Attempts to manipulate nominations or voting results
- Engages in fraudulent, abusive, or disruptive behavior during the Program
- Violates these Official Rules in any way

Sponsor reserves the right to determine eligibility at its sole discretion.

3. NOMINATION PERIOD

There will be one (1) nomination period for this campaign.

- Nomination Opens: June 1, 2026
- Nomination Closes: June 7, 2026

Nominations must be submitted and received through the official Program page during the nomination window. Teachers may be nominated by peers, staff, parents, or community members. Self-nominations are also permitted if eligibility requirements are met.

4. FINALIST SELECTION (REVIEW PHASE)

Following the nomination period, all eligible submissions will undergo a review process conducted by Strong Beginnings Project.

During this phase:

- Submissions will be evaluated for eligibility and completeness
- Each submission will be reviewed based on classroom sensory needs, student impact, clarity of submission, and alignment with program goals
- A standardized scoring rubric may be used to ensure consistency and fairness

A total of fifteen (15) finalist classrooms will be selected to advance to the community voting phase.

- Review Period: June 8, 2026 – June 14, 2026

- Finalist announcements will be made prior to voting

All finalist selections are made at the sole discretion of the Sponsor.

5. VOTING PERIOD

Eligible finalist classrooms will be posted on the official voting page.

- Voting Opens: June 15, 2026
- Voting Closes: June 26, 2026

All votes must be submitted through the official Strong Beginnings Project website:

<https://strongbeginnings.org/>

Each individual may cast one (1) vote per day per valid email address during the voting period. Votes must be submitted manually. Automated, fraudulent, or manipulated voting is strictly prohibited. Sponsor reserves the right to monitor, adjust, or disqualify votes to ensure fairness and integrity.

6. GRANT AWARDS (CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS)

A total of 9 classroom grants will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Place: \$1,000 (1 winner)
- 2nd Place: \$800 (1 winner)
- 3rd Place: \$600 (1 winner)
- Additional Awards: \$400 each (6 winners)

Awards must be used for classroom sensory and adaptive learning materials.

Final rankings will be determined based on verified vote totals from the voting period.

7. WINNER NOTIFICATION & DISTRIBUTION

Selected winners will be notified using the contact information provided during the nomination process. To remain eligible, winners must submit a signed award agreement form and classroom sensory wishlist.

- Notifications will occur via email and/or phone no later than **July 8, 2026**
- Responses with sensory item wish-list and signed agreement must be received no later than **July 15, 2026**
- Distribution of items will occur mid-late July 2026

Classroom sensory wishlists must align with the awarded funding amount and meet program criteria for sensory, adaptive, or special needs classroom support items. All requested items are subject to review and approval by The Strong Beginnings Project.

Approved items will be purchased directly by The Strong Beginnings Project and are expected to be delivered to the selected classroom during the mid-to-late July 2026 delivery period. Delivery timelines may vary based on product availability, shipping delays, or vendor fulfillment timelines.

8. GENERAL CONDITIONS

By participating, all entrants agree to:

- Be bound by these Official Rules
- Accept Sponsor's decisions as final and binding

- Release and hold harmless Strong Beginnings Project and its affiliates from any liability related to participation or award acceptance

Sponsor is not responsible for:

- Technical errors or system outages
- Lost, delayed, or incomplete nominations or votes
- Unauthorized access or voting disruptions

Sponsor reserves the right to modify, suspend, or cancel the Program at any time.

9. FRAUD, ABUSE & VOTING INTEGRITY

Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify participants or invalidate votes if:

- More than one (1) vote per person per day per email address is exceeded
- Automated systems, bots, or scripts are used
- Any attempt is made to manipulate voting outcomes or interfere with program fairness

Sponsor may review voting activity and adjust or cease counting votes if necessary to preserve integrity of the Program.