

# Voya Unsung Heroes<sup>®</sup> awards program



## Online application guide

## Voya Unsung Heroes – rewarding excellence in America’s schools

The Voya Unsung Heroes program has helped more than a thousand K-12 educators and their schools fund innovative classroom projects through awards totaling nearly \$5 million. Do you or does someone you know have a creative, unique educational program that is helping students reach new heights? Or is there a program you’d like to implement, if only you had the proper funding? Visit our online application and apply for an award today.

### To apply for an award

To ensure impartiality, the program will be managed by Scholarship America. Applications must be completed online by April 30. To receive more detailed information about the award recipients and their winning projects, visit the Voya Unsung Heroes awards program website at: [www.unsungheroes.com](http://www.unsungheroes.com).

### Who’s eligible?

All K-12 education professionals, whether or not they are clients of Voya Financial<sup>®</sup>, are eligible. Specifically, these individuals must be:

- Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States
- Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning

Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, or national origin. Previous recipients of Voya Unsung Heroes awards are not eligible to apply for another award.

### Awards

All awards must be used to further the projects within the school or school system. Indirect costs or administrative fees should not be paid or withheld from the grant award. Each of the 50 finalists will receive an award of \$2,000. Award checks are made payable jointly to the recipient and to his or her school. Of the 50 finalists, three will be selected for additional financial awards. First place will receive \$25,000; second place will receive \$10,000; and the third place winner will receive \$5,000. By fall, all applicants

will be notified whether or not they have been selected to receive an award.

### Obligations and revisions

Recipients have no obligation to Voya. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship America of any changes of address or other relevant information. Voya reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.



**Questions** regarding the program should be addressed to Scholarship America:

- Phone: (507) 931-1682 or (800) 537-4180
- E-mail: [unsungheroes@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:unsungheroes@scholarshipamerica.org)

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The applicant is responsible for completing all sections and obtaining the required verification signature. If you represent a team effort, list only one name as "Applicant"; there will be an area to list other names in the online application form.

To apply, please complete the online application at [www.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes](http://www.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes)



## What you'll need

### General application information

Name, contact information and school information

### Project information

Project details and summary

### Program summary

Concise summary of your project. Be sure to include the overall objective of the program as well as how the project will benefit students and their experience in the classroom.

### Project description

Thorough description of your project, clearly stating what you and your students will do. Describe its objectives and how your project is new or different.

### Benefits to students

How many students does or will the project directly benefit? How will your project improve student learning and impact other students and teachers, parents, and your community? How will you evaluate the effectiveness of your project?

### Use of funds

What funds/money, materials, or other resources you currently use or will use to operate your project. How will you use the \$2,000 award? How will you use additional money up to \$25,000?

### Online application deadline is April 30



This could be you!



To learn more about the program and read about previous winners visit [www.unsungheroes.com](http://www.unsungheroes.com)



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