

\$100 OfficeMax_® Gift Card Awarded Each Week to Public Elementary School Teachers in Washington State

A whopping 97% of <u>public school teachers frequently dip into their own pockets to purchase necessary classroom supplies</u>. The poor economy and shriveled budgets have pushed officials to make cuts that are so deep teachers are spending more of their own money with hopes that their students won't feel the pinch. They are spending their own money on software, educational games, paper, crayons, pencils, glue and other similar materials. And some are purchasing supplies for those students that just can't afford to buy the basics.

According to a study by the National School Supply and Equipment Association (NSSEA), public school teachers in the United States spent more than \$1.33 billion out of pocket on supplies and instructional materials in the 2009-2010 school year. Another survey revealed that **teachers spend on average \$356 per year of their own money on supplies and resources**.

When attorney Chris Davis and his wife heard these shocking statistics they knew that they had to help. They created the **Davis Law Group School Supplies Gift Program**, in partnership with OfficeMax, to help teachers in Washington State get the supplies that they need. Both Chris and Mischelle's mothers were public school teachers. They wanted to find a way to recognize teachers for their commitment and help relieve some of their financial burden. OfficeMax also works to eliminate teacher funded programs, therefore are supplying the gift cards for the program.

How It Works

- Each week during the school year Davis Law Group will give a \$100 OfficeMax gift card to one lucky teacher to use in their classroom.
- Anyone can nominate a teacher. A teacher can nominate themselves, the can be nominated by a parent, student, administrator, etc.
- A teacher or classroom is only eligible to win one time, per academic school year.
- At this time only teachers within Washington State are eligible.
- Winners will be notified via email.
- Information about the weekly winners and their classrooms will also be posted on the Davis Law Group website at www.InjuryTrialLawyer.com.

To learn more about the program and get information on the winners visit: http://www.injurytriallawyer.com/library/davis-law-group-school-supplies-gift-program.cfm



Application/Nomination Form

Instructions: Please fill out the form below and send to Davis Law Group School Supplies Gift Program, 2101 4th Avenue, Suite 630, Seattle, WA 98121, or fax to 206-727-4001 or you may email your application to schoolsuppliesgiftprogram@davislawgroupseattle.com.

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Teacher Name:
School:
Room Number
Grade Level:
School Address:
City, State, Zip:
Contact Phone:
Contact Email:
Nominator Information (if different from above)
Name:
Contact Phone:
Contact Email:
<u>Please explain in detail.</u> The award is chosen based on the answers to these questions. Why does this teacher deserve recognition?
Describe the teacher, classroom, and anything that you believe makes this teacher or class extraordinary.
How much does this teacher typically spend out-of-pocket for supplies that are not covered by the school?
How would the teacher use the requested supplies?

If possible include picture of the teacher and/or of their class with the nomination form or email a picture to schoolsuppliesgiftprogram@davislawgroupseattle.com.