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FOUNDERS GRANT

What is the Founders Grant?

Thompson Education Foundation (TEF) Founders Grants are for any *student-centered experience*, as long as the resources directly benefit or serve Thompson School District (TSD) students. Applications are available beginning October 1 for the current school year.

Population served:

Founders Grants must serve TSD students – not parents, volunteers, school staff or non-TSD students.

Grant size:

Grant requests **up to \$2,000** will be considered. Grants will be issued to schools, not individuals.

TEF will consider grant requests **exceeding \$2,000** on a very limited basis. Please contact TEF for further details on these types of grants before submitting your application.

What we do not fund:

- Grants to individuals
- Teacher re-licensure
- Reimbursement for a project that has been completed or is currently covered under the school's budget
- School fundraising events (fun runs, bake sales, silent auctions, etc.)
- Sponsorship of school fundraising events (table purchases, centerpieces, decorations, etc.)
- Registration fees/transportation for student attendance at conferences, events, or camps

How can I apply?

Applications are available **beginning October 1** for the current school year. Applications will be available throughout the school year. Due to limited funding, grant applications are reviewed and funds are disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of funds available may vary from year to year.

Applications for the Founders Grant are located online at www.thompsonfef.org. Click on the Founders Grant Application link and find the application link. When you submit the grant application, TEF will receive a copy for consideration. TEF will only accept applications through this online portal.

What criteria are used for judging Founders Grant applications?

Review process:

Staff will conduct a technical review of grant applications to ensure all required components are included and then pass applications on to the TEF Founders Grant committee. The committee will review the proposals and make funding recommendations to the TEF Board of Directors. The TEF Board of Directors will make the final determination on the funding of Founders Grants. Applicants will be notified of the acceptance or denial of their proposal by the foundation's executive director.

Additional information:

- Grant applications may be read by non-educators, so avoid educational jargon and acronyms. It is beneficial to provide background information on programs, curriculum being used and general information that may not be known by non-educators.
- All grant projects must adhere to TSD policies and procedures. Projects are reviewed for safety and legal concerns and may be denied based on either of these criteria.
- Any equipment, materials or supplies purchased with Founders Grant funds become the property of TSD.
- A detailed, itemized budget must be included with your grant application.

Example:

Item	Description	Amount
Equipment	2 digital cameras @ \$100 each	\$200
Picture Printing	Photo paper - 1 pack of 100 8x10 sheets	32
Printing Equipment	Photo quality printer	100
Printer Supplies	Printer paper - 1 case @ \$31 Printer ink: 1 triple pack @ \$70 2 photo @ \$23 each	147
Miscellaneous Supplies	Card stock, markers, pencils, glue, frames, boards, etc.	73
Total		\$552

- Grant recipients will be required to submit a final report of their project and receipts to the foundation by May 31, 2018. Report guidelines and format will be sent to each recipient. Failure to provide the required report by the deadline will disqualify the applicant for future TEF grant consideration. TEF will pay a visit to the recipient's classroom during project implementation to shoot video of the activities which will be shared with others at TEF events and online. Details will be provided to grant recipients.

Contact the Thompson Education Foundation office at 613-5074 with any questions.