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## ENCORE GRANTS

### Second-Year Grants for Sustaining Programs

#### What are ENCORE GRANTS?

Thompson Education Foundation (TEF) will award ENCORE GRANTS to previous Great Idea and Founders Grant recipients that can show growth opportunities in their funded projects. ENCORE GRANT applications for 2018-2019 are intended for Great Idea and Founders Grants that were awarded in the 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 granting cycle. ENCORE GRANTS can be awarded in amounts of up to \$1,000 for Great Idea Grants and \$2,000 for Founders Grants.

#### When do I apply for an ENCORE GRANT?

The ENCORE GRANT application window is open from Monday, January 8, 2018 until Monday, March 5, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. All grant applications received on or before **March 5, 2018**, will be considered for the 2018-2019 grant period. Grant recipients will be notified in May 2018, before the end of the school year. Award funds are made available before the start of the 2018-2019 school year and must be expended by the final report due date of May 31, 2019.

#### How can I apply for an ENCORE GRANT?

Applications for ENCORE GRANTS are located online at [www.ThompsonTEF.org](http://www.ThompsonTEF.org). Once you begin to fill in the form, you must finish and then press the submit button. If you leave the form before completing it, your information will be lost. Please consider writing your narrative in another program before cutting and pasting the information into the grant form. Once you submit the grant, you will receive an email confirmation that includes all the information you provided. TEF will also receive a copy of this email and will contact the supervisor you list on the application to ensure that they are familiar with and approve your grant request. At that point, your request will be included in the requests considered for a grant award. TEF will only accept ENCORE GRANT applications through this online format.

#### What criteria are used for reviewing ENCORE GRANT applications?

- Clearly outlined progression of project growth from the previously awarded Great Idea or Founders Grant
- Unique and dynamic educational experiences that support student achievement or well-being
- Impact on higher level thinking skills: creativity, critical thinking and/or problem solving
- Clarity of objectives
- A clear and measurable project evaluation
- A detailed, itemized budget

## Application Instructions:

- Applicants must be employees of the Thompson School District.
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- Application questions should be answered in a direct and concise manner; provide only the information being requested.
- All grant requests must be received by the deadline date of **Monday, March 5, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.**
- All grant projects must adhere to district policies and procedures. Projects are reviewed for safety and legal concerns and may be denied based on either of these criteria. Grants requests must follow Founders and Great Idea Grant guidelines.
- Grant recipients will be required to submit a final report of their project and receipts to the foundation by May 31, 2019. Report guidelines and format will be sent to each recipient. Failure to provide the required report by the deadline will disqualify applicant for future TEF grant consideration. TEF will pay a visit to the recipient's classroom during project implementation to shoot video of the grant activities which will be shared with others at TEF events and online. Details will be provided to grant recipients.

**Questions? Contact Thompson Education Foundation at 970-613-5074.**