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## GREAT IDEA GRANTS

Let TEF help you make your Great Idea for your classroom a reality!

### What are GREAT IDEA GRANTS?

Thompson Education Foundation (TEF) awards GREAT IDEA GRANTS to staff to implement an innovative project in education and instruction to enhance the learning experience of students in Thompson School District. A teacher or professional staff member may be selected to receive a grant of up to \$2,000 for the 2018-2019 school year.

### When do I apply for a GREAT IDEA GRANT?

The GREAT IDEA GRANT application window is open from Thursday, 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 winners 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 a GREAT IDEA GRANT?

Applications for GREAT IDEA 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 GREAT IDEA GRANT applications through this online format.

### GREAT IDEA GRANTS will not be given for the following:

- Projects or programs that are already in place  
**Exception:** Previous Great Idea and Founders Grant recipients may apply for an ENCORE GRANT for ongoing support (only grants awarded for 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 will be considered for the 2018-2019 granting cycle)
- Capital equipment (equipment lasting longer than five years)
- Capital improvements to district facilities
- Textbooks (unless a specific volume is part of the overall project)
- Teacher training or professional development
- Teacher salaries or extra duty contracts
- In general, GREAT IDEA GRANTS will not be awarded to fund programs, projects or activities that would usually be considered a normal operating expense for the schools

## What criteria are used for reviewing GREAT IDEA GRANT applications?

- 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

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 Amount Requested	\$552

## Application Instructions:

- Applicants must be employees of 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: **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.
- 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 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.

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