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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 2019-2020 school year.

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

The GREAT IDEA Grant application window is open until Friday, March 8, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. Grant winners will be notified in May 2019, before the end of the school year. Award funds are made available before the start of the 2019-2020 school year and must be expended by the final report due date of May 31, 2020.

### 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 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 will be considered for the 2019-2020 granting cycle)

Capital equipment

Capital improvements to district facilities

Textbooks (unless a specific volume is inherent to 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

Clear and measurable project evaluation

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.
- All grant requests must be received by the deadline: **Friday, March 8, 2019, at 11:59 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, 2020. 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 may pay a visit to the recipient's classroom during project implementation for photos/videos 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.**