



## Tennessee START A TEAM Grant Program 2017-2018

### Summary

There are many students and volunteers who would welcome an opportunity to participate in Destination Imagination®. They simply need basic support for establishing teams.

The organization that brings you Destination Imagination in Tennessee is proud to again offer its **Tennessee START A TEAM Grant Program**. Tennessee Association, Inc., a non-profit organization, will award grants to schools and other organizations to support the creation of Destination Imagination teams. We believe the grant program will help bring the benefits of Destination Imagination participation to hundreds more Tennesseans.

Applying for the grant is very simple and consists of four (4) parts:

#### 1. **START A TEAM Plan:**

Present a simple plan for establishing one or more Destination Imagination teams for the upcoming Destination Imagination season. The **START A TEAM Plan** must include the following:

- a. Team composition and recruitment: how do you intend to recruit team members (students) and team managers/appraisers (adult volunteers) and establish teams?
- b. Budget: how do you intend to use the proceeds of the grant? Possibilities (subject to the rules and regulations of your school district or sponsoring organization) include, but are not limited to payment of team membership fees, reimbursement of expenses for attending Destination Imagination tournaments, covering outreach expenses, stipends for program coordinators and/or team managers, seed money for future teams, and other creative uses to support the program.



**2. Statement:**

Present a justification or statement of need demonstrating why the applying organization should be awarded the grant.

**3. Application Summary:**

Keep the **Application Summary** (provided via email at the end of the application process) for your reference.

**4. Final Report:**

Agree to provide a summary report **NO LATER THAN** May 1, 2018 outlining the following:

- a. Summary of recruitment and team creation efforts within the school or organization including number of new teams, participants, and volunteers;
- b. How the grant funds were used;
- c. Observations, both positive and negative, about the Destination Imagination program;
- d. Observations, both positive and negative, about the Tennessee START A TEAM initiative; and
- e. Any Success Stories about the Destination Imagination experience.



## Tennessee START A TEAM Grant Program 2017-2018 Guidelines

**Application packets must be completed by  
midnight CDT, October 31, 2017.**

Applications should be submitted online via this link:

<https://form.jotform.us/nmk29/tn-start-a-team-application>

1. Team members and team managers do not have to be recruited from the same location or source, but the applying organization must serve as the umbrella organization for all teams.
2. Awards will not exceed \$1000 per school or organization per year. There is no minimum award amount.
3. Only one award per school or organization will be given per year. Schools or organizations that have not received Start A Team grant funds previously will be given priority.
4. Your DI Regional Director is a great resource to help guide you through the Start A Team grant process. Organizations submitting applications should contact their DI Regional Director prior to submission when possible. See the chart at the end of this document for region contact information.
5. Proceeds of grant awards may be used for any purposes to support the Destination Imagination program.
6. The region and state tournament fees will be waived for up to three (3) grant-funded teams per organization.
7. Grant disbursements will be made to the Organization Representative at the Organization Address on the application. The Organization is responsible for all distribution of funds.
8. Grant awards will be disbursed in one to four payments:



- A. Up to \$225 upon submission of the **START A TEAM Plan, Statement, and Application** and approval by the Grant Award Committee Chairperson and Tennessee Affiliate Director;
  - B. Up to \$500 (less the amount disbursed in Part 8.A) upon approval by the full Grant Award Committee and **completed** regional tournament registration (on or after December 1, 2017);
  - C. Up to \$1000 (less amounts disbursed in Parts 8.A and 8.B) upon completion and submission of the **Final Report** (on or after May 1, 2018).
9. This is a **COMPETITIVE** grant program. Grant recipients will be selected by a committee of the Tennessee Association, Inc. ("Grant Award Committee"). Final award amounts will be determined by the Grant Award Committee and will be based on the quality of the organization's **START A TEAM Plan, Statement, and Final Report**. All decisions are final.
10. The Grant Award Committee will be comprised of the following:
- a. Chair, Board of Tennessee Association, Inc.
  - b. Tennessee Affiliate Director, Destination Imagination
  - c. Three appointed representatives from differing regions

For more information, contact:

Region	Location	Regional Director	Email Address
1	Shelby, Tipton & Fayette counties	Amanda Killen	<a href="mailto:akillen@hutchisonschool.org">akillen@hutchisonschool.org</a>
2	Counties west of TN river except Henry, Shelby, Tipton, & Fayette	Becky Reeves	<a href="mailto:reevesb@milanssd.org">reevesb@milanssd.org</a>
3	Nashville & north; Ravenwood, Nolensville, Page & feeder schools in Williamson County	Will York	<a href="mailto:will.york@tennesseedi.org">will.york@tennesseedi.org</a>
4	Williamson County except Ravenwood, Nolensville, Page & feeder schools; Maury County & south	Sandy Webster Marta Whittington	<a href="mailto:sandraw1@wcs.edu">sandraw1@wcs.edu</a> <a href="mailto:marta.whittington@gmail.com">marta.whittington@gmail.com</a>
5	Counties north & east of Knoxville	Ginger Naseri	<a href="mailto:vnaseri@frontierhealth.org">vnaseri@frontierhealth.org</a>
6	Chattanooga, Cleveland, Athens, Knoxville & surrounding counties	John Echols	<a href="mailto:johnechols@comcast.net">johnechols@comcast.net</a>
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