



Tennessee START A TEAM Grant Program 2019-2020

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. **Organization:**

This information will be used to determine the region assignment.

- a. Name and address of the school or organization applying for funding.
- b. School or organization Representative name and contact information.

2. **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.

3. Statement:

Present a justification or statement demonstrating why funds are needed in order for the school or organization to participate in the program. Metrics to support the statement are encouraged.

4. Final Report:

Agree to provide a report following the last tournament (region, affiliate, global) in which the organization participates that summarizes the following:

- a. 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 2019-2020 Guidelines

**Application packets must be completed by
midnight CDT, October 31, 2019.**

Register your application: <https://form.jotform.us/nmk29/tnsatrequest>

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. Monetary 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 never received Start A Team grant funds will be given priority over those that have received funds previously.
4. Your DI Regional Director (RD) is a great resource to help guide you through the Start A Team grant process. Once you've registered your application, the RD in your area will contact you to discuss your application prior to submission. You will then receive a link via email to complete the **Plan** and **Statement** portions of your application. See the chart at the end of this document for region contact information.
5. Proceeds of grant awards may be used for any purpose that supports 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 up to three payments:



- A. Up to \$225 upon submission of the **START A TEAM Plan** and **Statement** 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, 2019);
 - C. Up to \$1000 (less amounts disbursed in Parts 8.A and 8.B) upon completion and submission of the Organization’s **Final Report**. Eligibility for future funding is dependent upon timely submission of the **Final Report**.
9. This is a **COMPETITIVE** grant program. Grant recipients will be selected by a Tennessee Association, Inc. committee ("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** and **Statement**. 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	akillen@hutchisonschool.org
2	Counties west of TN river except Henry, Shelby, Tipton, & Fayette	Becky Reeves	reevesb@milanssd.org
3	Nashville & north; Ravenwood, Nolensville, Page & feeder schools in Williamson County	Will York	will.york@tennesseedi.org
4	Williamson County except Ravenwood, Nolensville, Page & feeder schools; Maury County & south	Sandy Webster Marta Whittington	sandraw1@wcs.edu marta.whittington@gmail.com
5	Counties north & east of Knoxville	Ginger Naseri	vnaseri@frontierhealth.org
6	Chattanooga, Cleveland, Athens, Knoxville & surrounding counties	John Echols	johnechols@comcast.net
General Info	Not sure which region?	Nancy Kornegay	nancy.kornegay@tennesseedi.org

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