



Tennessee START A TEAM Grant Program 2020-2021

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 sending an email to startateamgrant@tennesseedi.org containing four (4) parts:

1. Organization:

- 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, including team composition and recruitment.

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 (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.





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Deadline: Midnight CDT, 12/31/2020

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 \$670 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. Proceeds of grant awards may be used for any purpose that supports the Destination Imagination program.
5. The virtual Affiliate Tournament fee will be waived for up to three (3) grant-funded teams per organization.
6. Grant disbursements will be made to the Organization Representative at the Organization Address in the email application. The Organization is responsible for all distribution of funds.
7. Grant awards will be disbursed as follows:
 - A. \$250 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 \$210 per additional team membership (maximum \$420) after first team membership purchase and approval by the Grant Award Committee Chairperson and Tennessee Affiliate Director.

Questions? Email startateamgrant@tennesseedi.org

