

# Discovery Grants for Students



## Fact Sheet for Teacher Advisors

The KJ7 Education Foundation's Discovery Grant Program enables students (individually or in groups) to plan and pursue independent learning projects of their own design. Formerly called "Innovative Students Grants," the program fosters academic curiosity, exploration, problem-solving and motivation for learning. This opportunity is open to district students of all ages, who may apply for grants of up to \$100. Students are expected to work on their own time to the extent possible, and to recruit a teacher as a project advisor who will assist them in developing their proposal and serve as a mentor for the project.

### Role of the Teacher Advisor:

- ◆ You should have sufficient knowledge of the proposal topic to ensure that the project will be achievable and will accomplish the stated goals.
- ◆ Discuss the proposal and assist student(s) in completing the grant application form.
- ◆ Sign the application form, agreeing to serve as the Teacher Advisor for the project.
- ◆ Assist student(s) in accessing grant funds and requesting purchases through the District Office, and in managing expenses.
- ◆ Provide guidance in a way that allows student(s) to learn through independent study and experience. To the extent possible, students are expected to work on their own time.
- ◆ Check with student(s) periodically throughout the project period to monitor progress.
- ◆ Provide useful feedback, offer motivation and encouragement, demonstrate belief in the students' abilities, and help them to achieve their goals
- ◆ Review the students' Final Report prior to submission.

### Please Note:

- ◆ Serving as a Teacher Advisor is a volunteer opportunity, as there is no stipend or reimbursement support available at this time.
- ◆ If you have any questions about the program, please call 208-276-7700.

### Granting Cycles:

**First:** October 15<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>

**Second:** January 15<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>

Dates for application deadlines, grant award announcements, and grant report deadlines will be announced before each cycle.

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### The KJ7 Education Foundation

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