

# Discovery Grants For Students



## Fact Sheet For Project 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 or advisor as a project advisor who will assist them in developing their proposal and serve as a mentor for the project.

### Role of the Project 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 Project 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 email [anwitt04@gmail.com](mailto:anwitt04@gmail.com).

#### Please Note:

**To the extent possible, students should work on their Discovery Grant projects on their own time, and rely upon their own resources.**

#### Granting Cycles:

The KJ7 Board made the decision to allow for a Student Grant to be submitted at any time during the school year and we encourage them for over summer break as well. **Or** you can follow our Grant Cycle:

- Fall Application Deadline: October 1st Fall. Report Deadline: January 15th  
(Thanksgiving break or Winter break is a great time to work on fall grants)
- Spring Application Deadline: February 1st. Spring Report Deadline: May 15th  
(Spring break is a great time to work on spring grants)

**Grant award announcements will be 1-2 weeks after deadline**

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#### The KJ7 Education Foundation

**The KJ7 Education Foundation** works with teachers, school administrators, parents, students and community members to support student achievement, teaching excellence, and to provide scholarships for our high school graduates.

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