

Thompson Education Foundation (TEF)

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BOARD POLICY: GREAT IDEA GRANT COMMITTEE POLICY

Purpose:

The purpose of the Great Idea Grant Committee Policy is to detail the intent of the Great Idea Grant committee and its succession plan.

Great Idea Grant Committee Intent:

The Great Idea Grant committee members complete the initial evaluation of all annual classroom grant submissions. Grant applications are submitted between January and March of each year. Committee members perform an online evaluation of each grant application based on definitions and a rubric provided by Thompson Education Foundation (TEF) staff. Grants that score 21 points or higher are moved forward for consideration and discussion at a meeting held prior to TEF's April board of directors' meeting. The finalists' applications are presented to the TEF board of directors for consideration and approval at the April board meeting each year.

Guidelines and Procedures:

1. The committee shall include TEF board members, district staff members and community members in the following representation:
 - a. One TEF board member can hold a three-year term. During year three, the designated TEF board member replacement will take part in the committee, fulfilling year one of his/her three-year commitment. Consequently, every third year, two TEF board members attend.
 - b. Two to three district staff members can hold two-year terms. Whenever possible, representation from elementary and secondary levels should be included.
 - c. Four to six community members can hold staggered two-year and three-year terms. Choice of term length will be agreed upon in advance between incoming committee member and the TEF executive director.
 - d. Upon completion of a term and with a rotation of one year off the committee, an individual can be reinstated for a new term. EXCEPTION: If circumstances dictate that a TEF board member needs to serve an additional year, that can be agreed upon between the board member and TEF executive director.

END OF POLICY