

TEF MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Tewksbury Education Foundation to identify, generate and distribute financial and other resources to enhance the quality of educational opportunities for students in the district. Funds raised through generous private donations, grants and special events are used to directly support students, teachers and the administration in their quest for educational excellence now and in the future. A board of dedicated, volunteer directors govern the TEF and includes representation from the Tewksbury Township public schools (faculty, district superintendent, Board of Education President, Parent Teacher Association President).

The Foundation will carry out its mission by focusing support in the following areas:

- Supplemental, curriculum-based programming
- Interactive learning tools including technology initiatives
- Professional development for teachers, faculty and administration
- Mini-grants to support innovative ideas from faculty
- Scholarship for one well-rounded 8th grader to assist with post-secondary education
- Continued investment in our endowment, providing perpetual financial support

TEF MINI GRANT GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

The Tewksbury Education Foundation Mini Grant Program was established to provide teachers with a resource to enhance the education of their students. The Mini Grant Program is based on the belief that many successful programs begin in the classroom.

GUIDELINES:

- Grants will be awarded based on educational value, innovation, creativity, and benefit to students.
- Projects will be funded for a maximum of two consecutive years.*
- They must first be discussed with the School Principal, then by the TEF Mini Grant Committee, then by the Tewksbury Township Board of Education, and, lastly, by the TEF Board of Directors.

*Exceptions made on a case-by-case scenario. Final approval by the TEF Board of Directors is required.

GRANT PROPOSALS DEMONSTRATE:

- Creativity in meeting a specific curriculum challenge in the classroom
- Direct benefit to students and/or school which can be measured
- Provide unique and/or higher concept learning
- Capture students' interest
- Neatly constructed and clearly defined