



Tennessee START A TEAM Grant Program

2011-2012

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 four (4) parts:

1. START A TEAM Plan:

Present a simple plan for establishing one or more “new” (see Guidelines) Destination ImagiNation teams for the upcoming Destination ImagiNation season. The **START A TEAM Plan** must be no more than two pages, and include the following:

- a. General plan for establishing a team or teams within the organization. The plan should include a Use of Funds section with information on how the



school or organization intends to spend the proceeds of the grant program. Possibilities include, but are not limited to:

- i. Payment of team membership fees.
 - ii. Reimbursement of expenses for attending Destination ImagiNation tournaments.
 - iii. Covering outreach expenses.
 - iv. Stipends for multi-team program coordinators.
 - v. Other creative use of funds to support the program.
- b. Outline of how the school or organization intends to solicit team members (students) and team managers (adult volunteers) for Destination ImagiNation program participation.

2. Statement:

Present a justification or statement of need demonstrating why the applying organization should be awarded the grant. **Statement** should be no more than one page.

3. Application Form:

Complete **Application Form**, including signature of school principal or senior organization leadership.

4. Final Report:

Agree to provide a summary report of no more than three pages by May 1, 2012 outlining the following:

- a. Summary of team creation efforts, including itemized use of grant proceeds.
- b. Results of Tennessee START A TEAM effort within the school or organization including number of new teams, participants, and volunteers.
- c. Observations, both positive and negative, about the Destination ImagiNation program.
- d. Observations, both positive and negative, about the Tennessee START A TEAM initiative.
- e. Any Success Stories about the Destination ImagiNation experience.



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Guidelines

1. Applications should be **received** no later than November 1, 2011. Applications received after this deadline will be considered if grant funds are still available. No grants will be awarded prior to the submission deadline.
2. Applications may be submitted electronically in pdf format to startateamgrant@taidi.org or printed and mailed to:
Destination ImagiNation
Tennessee START A TEAM Grant
c/o Rick Wimberly
106 Gillette Drive
Franklin, TN 37069
3. "New" teams are those whose members include at least four team members who have not participated in the Destination ImagiNation program in Tennessee during the preceding three years.
4. 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.
5. Scope of Grant:
 - a. If the organization intends to only register one (1) team, check the box on the Application for Single Team.
 - b. If the organization intends to register two (2) or more teams, check the box on the application for Multiple Teams.
6. Awards will be made up to but not exceeding \$1000.00 per organization. Awards for Multiple Teams may be greater than for single teams.
7. Only one award per school or organization will be given. Once a school or organization has received an award they will not be eligible for future Tennessee START A TEAM grants.
8. Organizations submitting grant applications will be contacted by a DI Regional representative for an interview. This interview must take place before the



application can proceed to the Tennessee Association Grant Award Committee.

9. Proceeds of the grant awards may be used for any purposes to support the Destination ImagiNation program.
10. Grant disbursements for Multiple Team awards will be made to the organization submitting the application, not to an individual. The organization is responsible for all distribution of funds. Grant disbursements for Single Team awards may be made to an individual representative responsible for the team.
11. Grant awards greater than \$500 will be disbursed in two payments, one half at the time of grant approval and one half upon completion and submission of the **Final Report**.
12. This is a competitive grant program. Grant recipients will be selected by a committee of the Tennessee Association, Inc. ("Grant Award Committee"). Award amounts will be determined by the Grant Award Committee and will be based on the type of Grant applied for (Single or Multiple Teams) as well as the quality of the organization's **START A TEAM Plan**. All decisions are final.
13. The Grant Award Committee will be comprised of the following:
 - a. Chair, Board of Tennessee Association, Inc.
 - b. Tennessee Affiliate Director, Destination ImagiNation
 - c. One Board representative from each active region
 - d. One at-large Board alumni member

For more information, contact:

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School or Organization

Organization Name: _____
 Organization Address: _____

 City/State/Zip: _____
 Organization Contact: _____
 Contact Title: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Application Prepared By

Preparer Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Application Checklist

Start A Team Plan: Single Team Multiple Teams
 Use of Funds Statement of Need/Justification
 Solicitation Completed Application Form

Final Report Agreement

I/We agree to submit a Final Report.

Signature of Senior Official (e.g., Principal, Executive Director, CEO, etc.)

Signature: _____
 Print Name: _____
 Date: _____

