

TGIF STUDENT GRANTS FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

PURPOSE:

The TGIF Student Grants (2008–2009 school year) are intended to assist you, as a gifted student, to excel in an area of interest or achievement.

Grants are awarded to help finance an original project that holds promise for the advancement of learning or contributes to a field of endeavor.

USE OF GRANT FUNDS:

Grant applications will be considered for a project by an individual student or student group. Student Group/Collaborative grants are encouraged and preferred. Grant funds are to be used to cover the cost of supplies and materials for the intended project. Some examples of projects are original musical composition, software development, product development, and artistic creation.

More than one member of a project group can submit a Grant Application if each submitter meets the Eligibility Requirements of the TGIF Students Grants for 2008-2009 School Year.

For group / collaborative grants, each submitter must include a Project Plan that lists the name of each member of the project group that clearly states the roles and responsibilities for each project member, along with timeframes and tasks, and planned completion dates for the tasks. In addition, each members of the project group must be a K-12 GATE student and attend a public school in the Fremont Unified School District.

Grants will not be awarded for post-high school work. Grants will not be awarded for projects associated with any of the following: instruction, seminar, workshop, class, field trip, entertainment, and travel. Grants will not be awarded for project fees or costs associated with the following: instruction, seminar, workshop, class, field trip, entertainment, and travel.

AWARDS:

Individual grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$100.

Collaborative grants will not exceed the total cost of the project.

Awards will be announced by mid-February, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY:

You are eligible if you have been officially identified as a GATE student while enrolled in a school within the Fremont Unified School District, currently attend school in the Fremont Unified School District, your guardian or your parent(s) are current members of The Gifted in Fremont (TGIF), and you agree to the following:

1. Continue to be a participant in the project that you submit for a grant for the duration of the intended project;
2. Use grant funds to cover the costs outlined in the Budget section of your Application.
3. Upon conclusion of your project, provide TGIF with a report describing your project that is suitable for publication.
You give TGIF the right to distribute and publish your paper without compensation;
4. Upon conclusion of your project, you provide TGIF with access to and/or a copy of your final work. You give TGIF the right to use, distribute, and incorporate or combine your work with other work; and
5. Make a presentation about your project to educators, parents, students, and other interested individuals at the 2009 GATE SHOWCASE. The presentation should include a description about your project, demonstration of your project, what you learned during the duration of your project, and how your project helps people or how your project will help people.

SELECTION:

TGIF will evaluate your application considering equally your proposal, statement of proposed expenses, commitment, recommendations, and project plan (for group projects). TGIF reserves the right to validate evidence submitted by any applicant.

APPLICATION:

In addition to the application form below, you must submit:

1. A one-page description of the nature and purpose of the proposal written by the student;
2. Budget statement showing proposed expenses. The grant should be used to cover supplies and materials for the project;
3. Evidence of commitment to purpose: student written autobiographical statements which include examples of achievement and interest (1 page); and
4. Recommendations or letters of support (up to 3). We cannot accept recommendations or letters of support written by a parent, family member, relative, or anyone related to the student applicant.
5. Project Plan is required, if you are submitting an application for a group project. The project plan must include the names each project member; roles and responsibilities for each member; timeframes and tasks, and planned completion dates for the tasks.

TGIF-Student Grant Application

Mail your completed application and all required support items postmarked by January 5, 2009 to: TGIF-GATE Student Grants, Fremont Unified School District GATE Office 4210 Technology Drive Fremont, CA 94538 or via email to contact@tgifremont.org. TGIF and FUSD cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail and any email that does not reach TGIF.

TGIF Member

TGIF Member's name: _____ Current TGIF Member for the 2008-2009 School Year ___ YES ___ NO

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

I understand that I must be a current TGIF member for the school year 2008-2009 in order for the student applicant to apply for this competitive TGIF Student Grant. I certify by signing this that I am a current TGIF member for the 2008-2009 school year and approve of the submission of the TGIF Student Grant Application by the student applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Statement

Student's name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

I hereby apply for a grant to be awarded by mid-February, 2009. In support of this application I am enclosing the required statements and certify them to be true and correct. I certify that the proposal and autobiographical statements that accompany this application are my original work and written entirely by me. I understand that if any information submitted is determined to be untrue or incorrect, the Committee may reject the application. I also understand and agree that if I am awarded a grant, I will submit an article describing the program/project for possible publication by The Gifted In Fremont and other educational organizations, including the Fremont Unified School District. I also agree to provide The Gifted In Fremont and Fremont Unified School District with access to a copy of my work and a final version of my work. Furthermore, I agree to make a presentation describing my project at the 2009 GATE SHOWCASE on June 8, 2009.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher/Mentor's Statement

Name of School/Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Teacher's name: _____ Subject/Grade Teach: _____ Home phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I agree to serve as a mentor for this student during the period of this project. I will be available to discuss progress with the student and to be contacted by The Gifted In Fremont regarding this award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Statement

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

As the parent or guardian of the student applying for this TGIF Student Grant, I give my permission for my child to submit a TGIF Student Grant Application. I support this application and approve of the proposal. I authorize the release of any work my child drafts, develops, creates, or completes to The Gifted in Fremont and Fremont Unified School District without compensation to my child or any person or legal entity. I authorize photos, video, and recordings to be taken of my child at any educational exchange, event, workshop, seminar, meeting, and conference associated with the project submitted for the TGIF Student Grant. I agree that the photos, video, recordings, and name of my child can be used by The Gifted in Fremont and Fremont Unified School District for promotional and educational purposes without limitation and without compensation to my child or any person, or legal entity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check that you have included all necessary support items:

- Description of proposal
- Statement of proposed expenses
- Commitment to purpose
- Recommendation(s)
- Project Plan (only required for a collaborative / group project)