

TOSHIBA AMERICA FOUNDATION  
GRANTS FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Our grantmaking is based on the Toshiba Values:

DO THE RIGHT THING.

LOOK FOR A BETTER WAY.

ALWAYS CONSIDER THE IMPACT.

CREATE TOGETHER.

Doing the Right Thing. - To be a teacher is doing the right thing. For the Toshiba America Foundation, doing the right thing means supporting STEM education by funding classroom teachers as they seek a better way to help their students learn. We cannot hope to meet all of the needs of all teachers, and TAF has too much respect for professional educators to suggest a particular approach to teaching. While the tried and true ways are worthy, but funding all is beyond our scope or capacity. Therefore, we must address our grantmaking to a smaller set of teachers. Toshiba has long been known for innovation in our fields. We hope to encourage teachers who hope to innovate, try a new idea, or explore a different approach; in short, to provide some financial support and affirmation for teachers who are:

Looking for a better way – Our program hopes to find and fund teachers who want to try a new or different way of reaching and engaging their students. Sometimes trying these ideas involves equipment or expenses that ordinary school budgets do not cover. These are the kinds of innovative projects we hope to support. When applying for a grant, please tell us how your project or proposal is special, how it is different or creative, and the extraordinary budget items it will require.

Considering the impact – We are always interested in who a project will affect, and how it will affect them. Certainly the number of students is significant, but sometimes quality is more meaningful than quantity. Are you thinking that students may learn differently or more effectively? Might your project motivate more or different students, colleagues, parents or other family members. Might your project involve grade levels or students other than your own? Some projects reach into the community or affect groups other than just the students. You are the teacher, it's your project, and you know best, but we are interested in your hopes for the impact of your idea will have.

Creating together – Toshiba America Foundation began funding teachers in 1991. Whenever possible, Toshiba employees go to schools to meet teachers and sometimes deliver checks. They love to meet the teachers, (and sometimes the students) and see firsthand the excitement your projects may be generating. They begin to feel we are a small part of the work you do. Our respect and admiration for America's teachers, their passion for their students and their craft, and

their skills and creativity has been nourished and informed by the many teachers we have met and sometimes funded over the years. Please allow us to assist you if you have any question or problem in preparing your grant application. We appreciate your consideration of the Toshiba America Foundation as a candidate for working with you to create a better way for your students to learn and you to pursue your better way.

Thank you.

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