



2011-2012 Grants for Great Ideas Information Sheet

- **Grants For Great Ideas** is a grant program that is open to all teachers and principals in Marion County Public Schools. It provides educators with financial resources to implement creative and innovative programs not otherwise available and which improve academic achievement and engage students in the learning process. Grants must address the Sunshine State Standards and the school's improvement plan.
- Grant applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee comprised of business and community leaders. To ensure impartiality, the committee will not see the names of the teachers or schools involved.
- The persons evaluating the grant applications may not be familiar with educational jargon or terminology such as "Chapter I" or LD". Briefly explain education terminology used in your application to help grant readers understand the purpose of the program or target population.
- Do not use the school or teacher's name in the grant application. Identifying information is only on the cover sheet. Grant applications with a school's or teacher's name will not be considered.
- A teacher may submit one individual grant and one team grant.
- Grant award amounts are as follows:
 - Individual Classroom grants**- These grants provide funding for one teacher to administer for his or her classroom---up to \$500
 - Group grants**- These grants fund collaborative efforts between two or more teachers within a grade level or school---up to \$750
 - School-wide** - These grants fund school-wide projects or programs---up to \$1000
 - Phyllis Miller Principal grants**- These grants that are administered by principals fund school-wide projects or programs---up to \$1000
- The grants will be evaluated on their creativity and innovation and how effectively sunshine state standards and/or focus skills are addressed, as well as how it supports the goals of the School Improvement Plan.
- **Costs for refreshments, decorative items, rewards and recognition cannot exceed 20% of the total budget.**
- The committee reserves the right to partially fund a grant. The teacher/teachers can decide if they wish to proceed with grant implementation based on reduced funding.