

Greater Fort Worth Destination ImagiNation Regional Policies

Intent of Policy Document

Provide guidelines on policy decisions in a format that can be easily modified as needed through the majority vote of the GFW Regional Board.

1) Appraisers and Volunteer Policies

- a) Every team must supply an appraiser for the GFW regional tournament or pay a \$50 Appraiser Opt-Out Fee.
 - i) Appraisers are required to attend a ½ day training and appraise at the regional tournament.
 - ii) Multiple teams may not supply the same appraiser on Tournament Registration.
 - iii) A GFW Team Manager may not be presented as a GFW Appraiser.
 - iv) If there is no contact information for an appraiser provided on the Tournament Registration or if the contact declines to participate, the team will be invoiced for the Opt-Out Fee.
- b) Every team must supply a volunteer for the GFW regional tournament.
 - i) Volunteers will be scheduled to work as a 2-hour event volunteer (no training required)
 - ii) Volunteers will need to sign-in/out to receive credit for having fulfilled their team volunteer requirement
- c) Teams that fulfill their appraiser and volunteer requirements will be eligible to receive:
 - i) State-bound team grant
 - ii) Globals grant for globals-bound teams
- d) Teams that pay the appraiser opt-out fee will not be eligible for any grant funding.

2) State-Bound Team Grant

- a) All State-Bound GFW teams as deemed eligible upon completion of the GFW Tournament Ceremony and are not eligible for funding by their district: \$100
- b) Payable to the team's RYT account
- c) See section 1 for appraiser/volunteer requirements.

3) Global Finals Team Grant

- a) The team must have participated in the GFW Regional Tournament
- b) The team's school district is providing 50% or less of the cost needed for Global Tournament participation.
 - i) This must be verified with a letter from the principal or an administrator of the district
 - ii) If over 50% is supplied by the district, the application will not be considered
- c) University teams will not be considered for funding
- d) Any money awarded will be paid directly to DI Inc. on the team's account
- e) See section 1 for appraiser/volunteer requirements.

4) Multiple Challenges per Team, Team Member, or Team Manager

- a) Team members and/or teams may not participate in more than 2 challenges in a tournament year.
- b) Team members on multiple teams are not guaranteed to be able to compete in IC for all challenges due to scheduling issues.
- b) Team managers with multiple teams will not be permitted to accompany their teams into the IC room.

5) Magellan Award

- a) Individual team members who have performed each type of challenge at least once at a GFW regional tournament are eligible for the Magellan Award.
- b) The challenge types that qualify are:
 - i) A: Technical
 - ii) B: Scientific (formerly known as hybrid)
 - iii) C: Fine Arts
 - iv) D: Improvisation
 - v) E: Engineering
 - vi) P: Project Outreach/Service Learning
- c) The application and submission deadline can be found on the Scholarship & Award page of the GFW website.
- d) No more than 2 (two) Challenges per DI season will be accepted on nomination forms

6) Scholarship Policies

- a) Scholarship committee members may not be related to, may not have endorsed or written a letter of recommendation for or have been a team manager for a current year scholarship applicant.
- b) Applicants are required to have been a competitive team member for one year or longer in the GFW region and have competed in at least one GFW regional tournament at the high school level to be eligible.
- c) The scholarship committee evaluates the following:
 - i) DI Experience
 - ii) Product (essay, video, etc.)
 - iii) Regional Volunteerism
 - iv) Community Volunteerism
- d) The scholarship committee awards a one-time scholarship to a student that meets the criteria on the application.
- e) Recipients will be required to inform the Treasurer of where to submit scholarship funds no later than Aug. 1 or two weeks following enrollment in a post high school educational institution, whichever is later. The payment will be made to the institution of higher learning, not the student.

6) New Team Incentive

- a) Teams from schools that have not participated in DI are eligible to have their regional tournament fee waived for their 1st year of participation.
- b) This applies to the 1st year of competition only, regardless of whether or not the team performs at the tournament that year.
- c) All teams per school are eligible to have the tournament fee waived.

- d) Teams receiving new team incentive benefits are responsible for purchasing their own memberships from DI.
- e) Following 3 years of non-participation, a school may qualify as a new school again.
- f) The Tournament Fee Waiver Form must be completed by December 1 of the year being awarded and the team's registration must be online with required information by the Registration Deadline.