



2010 GOLD STAR GRANTS

A proud supporter of the St. Louis community, Emerson has been honoring area teachers with the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Awards for the past 20 years.

To expand our support of the St. Louis educational community, Emerson started the Excellence in Teaching Gold Star Grants program in 2006. Emerson Excellence in Teaching Gold Star Grants are competitive cash grants, available to current and past recipients of the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award, to support and promote teachers' development goals. Each cash grant awarded to a teacher, or team of teachers, will be matched with a grant to the teachers' employing educational institution.

Grant Categories and Scope

Current and recent Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award recipients (years 2004 – 2009), who teach grades K- 12, have the opportunity to apply for an Emerson Gold Star Grant. Emerson Gold Star grants will be presented in two categories*:

- **Individual Category** (*grades K through 12*). At least two \$2,500 cash grant awards to selected individual teacher(s), plus a \$2,500 grant for their employing schools.
- **Teamwork Category** (*grades K through 12*). One \$10,000 cash grant award to a teaching team (two or more teachers), plus a \$5,000 grant for their school.

Guidelines

While there are no specific guidelines for the Gold Star grants, the selection committee will take notice of the following:

- Proposals that are not directly related to mandatory curriculum. We're looking for projects that would likely not happen if Emerson didn't help with funding.
- Proposals that reflect the pillars of the Emerson brand -- technology, innovation, and leadership.

Additionally, proposals can include, but are not limited to support related to:

- Classroom or school equipment
- Team-building activities
- Student field trips
- Post-graduate study, research, or academic development activities
- Professional certifications
- Life experience activities that contribute to professional and personal growth

*Only high-quality applications will be considered for the Emerson Gold Star Teamwork cash grant – and the award may not be distributed every year.

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**Application forms are available for download at
www.Emerson.com/ExcellenceInTeaching**

Eligibility

Eligibility to be considered for individual Emerson Gold Star Awards is limited to educators in the St. Louis area who both 1) currently teach in the Kindergarten through 12th grades and 2) were a recipient of the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 or 2009. Teachers must have been employed at the same school for at least three years.

For the Teamwork Award, at least one team member must be a current or prior Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award recipient in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 or 2009. Only one team nomination is permitted per school district or educational institution.

Application Submission

Completed application forms cannot be longer than three letter-size pages, with typewritten responses on a single side and in a font not smaller than 10 points. Handwritten responses will not be accepted. Application forms are available for download at www.Emerson.com/ExcellenceInTeaching.

An applicant must also include a one-page written letter of endorsement-support from an administrator with his/her employing school district or educational institution. School districts or educational institutions are permitted to sponsor more than one teacher for an individual Emerson Gold Star cash grant award.

Send the completed application and administrator letter by U.S. mail in a single envelope to: Emerson Excellence in Teaching Gold Star Program, c/o Emerson 8000 W. Florissant Avenue, Mail Station 2015, St. Louis, MO 63136. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 5, 2010.

Selection Process

Awarding of an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Gold Star cash grant is based solely on the teacher's responses provided on the completed application form, accompanied by a letter of endorsement-support from an administrator with his/her employing school district or educational institution.

Applications will be reviewed by Emerson with the assistance of a judging panel that will include education professionals. The panel will recommend up to 10 applicants as finalists with Emerson selecting the Gold Star cash grant recipients. Recipients of the Emerson Gold Star cash grants will be announced in April 2010.

For Additional Information

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