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INTRODUCTION TO THE DREAM PROJECT

Dear Teaching Staff,

Thank you so much for your interest in our student adventure grant program. In 2008, 5Point Film, a local film festival based out of Carbondale was born from a passion to connect people with each other, our surroundings, and our experiences. Wanting to give back more to the community, in 2011 we created a grant/scholarship program called “The Dream Project.” This program is designed to give all high school students in the region the opportunity to test their acquired academic skills, explore their dreams, and to create a unique adventure of their own. While we are an outdoor film festival, we do not require projects to involve an outdoor aspect, and we encourage students to submit a wide variety of proposals. As an organization, we highly value learning from our experiences, bettering ourselves, and giving back to the community; this is evident in our 5 guiding principles: respect, commitment, humility, purpose, and balance. As a result, we evaluate applications based on these traits and connections. In addition, while some students choose to raise additional funds to for their projects, we find that there are endless projects that students can complete within the \$1,500 budget, local or abroad.

We strongly believe that this program is an incredible opportunity for high school students to not only achieve their dreams, but also help them develop as students and individuals, especially as they prepare for college. With a creative, yet thorough application process, students must articulate their project, goals, and personality. They are also required to apply their foresight and organization skills with application elements such as budgeting, project descriptions, and personal references. While this project aims to challenge and push students, 5Point Film is equally dedicated to providing any assistance needed for students to produce outstanding applications and to accomplish their dream projects; this ranges from editing and proposal reviews, to research support. Overall, the program strives to bring the community closer to its youth, giving kids the chance to celebrate the outdoors and themselves, while simultaneously offering them exposure, support, and a life changing opportunity that will inspire themselves and others.

We hope that you can use the provided resources to bring the Dream Project into your classroom. Assigned as a whole, or as individual sections, the application can be utilized as a writing, creativity, art, peer editing, or even a research project. If you have any questions or need any assistance, feel free to contact us.

We look forward to another great year!

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