



## **NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE TECH PREP CONSORTIUM JR. HI/MIDDLE SCHOOL MINI-GRANT**

### **Mini-Grant Application Guidelines Fiscal Year 2009 (2008-2009 School Year)**

#### **Purpose:**

The nation's job market has changed dramatically over the last several decades. Only 20 of every 100 jobs in the United States require a bachelor's degree or better. However, many companies within the U.S. import technicians because they can not find adequately prepared individuals within our borders.

Data on National and Ohio college graduates, both 2 and 4 year degrees, revealed that the average starting salary for the associate degree graduate was higher than the average baccalaureate degree graduate.

College Tech Prep offers a quality opportunity for young people to gain a head start on a viable career that provides an excellent income. It is our desire to make it possible for them to have good first hand information about that opportunity.

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Only middle schools/junior high schools within the boundaries of the North Central College Tech Prep Consortium are eligible to submit a proposal.
2. Priority will be given to schools that had representation attend the Middle School/Junior High School Counselors' Meeting on October 10, 2008.
3. Only 2008-2009 eighth grade students are eligible to participate in the activities proposed.
4. Provide staff from your school and community for planning and implementing the Reality Store activities. (Due to changes in staffing in the Consortium Office, assistance from the Consortium in planning and implementation of the Reality Stores will be limited this year).
5. The Director of the North Central College Tech Prep Consortium must receive the completed proposal by **4:00 PM on Friday, October 31, 2008** for consideration. Proposals will be accepted via mail or fax.

#### **Process:**

1. Completed proposals are to be submitted to: Tom Kluding, Director, North Central College Tech Prep Consortium, PO Box 698, Mansfield, OH 44901-0698. If faxing proposal, please fax to 419-755-4781.
2. Provide staff from your school and community for planning and implementing the Reality Store activities.
3. The Consortium Steering Committee will review and select a maximum of 10 proposals to be funded at its regular meeting on November 14, 2008.
4. The \$250.00 (or amount awarded) will be held until the completion of the project and a final expenditure report has been submitted and approved. The final expenditure report and brief narrative about the project's success must be submitting within 30 days of competition of the Reality Store.

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