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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

**KCSD ISSUE PAPER**

**DATE:**

1/22/2018

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve Scott High School would like to apply for the \$10,000 RISE America grant to support our theatre program to be used on educational experiences, productions, and equipment.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

Inspired by the network's upcoming Jason Katims drama "Rise," which premieres Tuesday, March 13 and follows the effects a high school theatre department has on its surrounding community, NBC is launching R.I.S.E. America, a program that grants a half-million dollars to high school theatre programs across the country. R.I.S.E. (Recognizing and Inspiring Student Expression) America will award 50 high schools a \$10,000 grant that will enable them to enhance or revitalize their theatre programs. The winning schools can use the grant money to cover various critical needs, including master classes and production expenses.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Andrew Harris, Scott High School, [Andrew.harris@kenton.kyschools.us](mailto:Andrew.harris@kenton.kyschools.us)

Principal

District Administrator

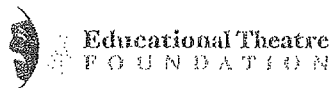
Superintendent

Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

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(<https://educationaltheatrefoundation.org>)



## NBC's R.I.S.E. America to support high school theatre programs with \$500,000 in grants

NBC partners with the Educational Theatre Foundation to provide \$10,000 grants to 50 high schools across the country

### Opportunity

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This story could be yours...

The \$10,000 grant can be used for a myriad of opportunities in the 2018 calendar year. Examples of the uses of funding include:

- **Production** – Fund a production, purchase critical theatrical equipment and/or supplies (lighting, sound equipment, costumes), and/or underwrite your first full play or your first musical.
- **Student experience** – Open students' eyes and inspire them with exposure to new experiences: a field trip to a professional theatre production, attendance at a state theatre conference or national theatre festival with interactions from industry professionals and students from other regions.
- **Teacher development** – Provide professional mentoring and resources to empower the educator to expand the theatre program. For example, fund a master class with teacher visits; training sessions with professional technical directors, writers, choreographers, and set designers; travel costs for a teacher to attend professional development conferences.

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RISE - Educational Theatre Foundation | Educational Theatre Foundation

Apply for the R.I.S.E. America grant by sharing how your theatre program could benefit from receiving \$10,000. Applications will be judged on a combination of compelling stories, financial need, and potential impact to the school theatre program.

Application deadline is February 6, 2018.

*The first 5 schools to apply will receive a show poster signed by the RISE cast.*

*Any school that applies by January 22, 2018 will be entered in a drawing  
for additional prizing.*

*All high schools nationwide are eligible to apply for the grant. Winning schools will be announced mid-March. Timing is subject to change. For questions, please contact us at [grants@edtf.org](mailto:grants@edtf.org) (<mailto:grants@edtf.org>).  
enter search term*

*R.I.S.E. — Recognizing & Inspiring Student Expression***R.I.S.E. America - Grant Application Form**

Please tell us why your high school should be awarded a R.I.S.E. America grant, and how your program would benefit from receiving \$10,000 this year. Every high school nationwide is welcome to apply. Applications will be judged on a combination of compelling stories, financial need, and overall potential impact.

If interested in applying for this grant, please begin the registration process by completing the application form below. Your grant application will be eligible only if all required form fields have been completed.

**School Details**

Write the school's name \*

School Type \*  
☐ Public  
☐ Private

Address  
 Street Address  
 Street Address Line 2  
 City \* State \*  
 Postal / Zip Code \*

Is your school designated as a school-wide Title I institution, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education? \*  
☐ Yes  
☐ No

What percentage of your served students have been identified as members of low-income families? \*  
 N/A

School Enrollment \*  
 Total current enrollment

School Website \*  
<https://www.example.org> <https://www.>

School's Theatre Website  
 (if applicable)

Does your school have an active Thespian Troupe? \*  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  
 It is not necessary to have an active Thespian Troupe to be eligible for the grant.

If you do have an active Thespian Troupe, please enter the number here

**Who will be responsible for executing/managing the \$10,000 grant?**

Name \*  
 First Last

Official Title \*  
 The leader must be an employee of the school/district. It cannot be a parent or student.

Contact Phone \*  
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Email \*

## Proposal Request

In 500 words or less, summarize the key theatre program challenges and barriers, and explain how \$10,000 would fundamentally enhance your operations, inspire your students and position your school for long-term educational success. \*

Words left: 500/500

Total theatre program annual budget \*

Dollars

Upload a letter of recommendation from an administrator endorsing your application: \*

Upload

Principal, school board member, department head

Create and share a video link (two minutes or less) that helps bring your story to life for NBC and ETF. \*

Schools are encouraged to showcase the talent and inspiration that comprises their theatre arts program here. Please upload to YouTube or Vimeo using the non-public settings. For YouTube it's "Unlisted" for Vimeo it's a "private link".

NBC submission terms \*

☐ I agree to the NBC submission terms.

ETF program terms \*

☐ I agree to the ETF program terms.

[Send RISE America Grant Application](#)[Clear fields and begin application process again](#)

From <https://edtf.org/rise-grants/?cid=nbc-rise-america-project>

## EDTF Program Guidelines

With submission to the NBC R.I.S.E. America Initiative Grant Program, the school's application contact and school's administrator named on the application agree to the following:

- school information supplied in this application is current and accurate;
- the school principal, if not the same as the school application contact or school administrator named and included within the application, supports this application and all requirements included within;
- all persons included in the application (text, video, photographs, website links, etc.), regardless of age or status as employee, student, parent or other association with the school, agree to the use of their name or likeness and release its use to this application and to any future publicity associated with it and the project(s) proposed within it, by the school, local news organizations, the Educational Theatre Association and/or the Educational Theatre Foundation, and/or the NBC corporation, in any form including but not limited to print, video, photographs, and social media. Further, the school and school representatives agree that the school's project as proposed may be subject to publicity initiated by any of the above named entities, and the school and school representatives will reasonably make persons associated with the project available for these publicity purposes;
- if the school's proposed project is selected for one of the 2018 grant awards, the school application contact or other designate of the school principal will promptly respond and agree to the terms of Grant Acceptance prior to funds being released to the school, which will include:
  - to provide a detailed planned use of the granted funds and a commitment to keeping auditable records on the use of funds (e.g., receipts, etc.);
  - to provide a Form W-9 for the school organization that will receive the grant funds;
  - to provide a school checking account name and number, bank name and address, and bank routing number for receipt of funds via ACH electronic transfer;
  - to confirm the name of the school employee who will be responsible and agreement to requirements for local fund

- stewardship and ongoing status checks and progress reports for the duration of the project, including response to a final report survey at the end of 2018.
- Funds will be disbursed to the school organization within approximately 10 business days of completion of the Grant Acceptance requirements via ACH transfer.
  - the proposed project will be executed as described in the proposal, if the grant is awarded. If the project is not pursued for any reason, whether or not the fault of the school or school representatives associated with this application, the school will be required to return the grant funds, up to the full amount of the award, to the Educational Theatre Foundation, within 90 days of determining that the project will not be executed;
  - the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA), the Educational Theatre Foundation (ETF), the NBC Corporation, and the NBC RISE television show, and all associated agencies, have no responsibility and no liability for the execution of the project as proposed by the school and school administrator;
  - the school and all associated with the school's application agree that the decision of the judges, ETF and NBC on grant awards is final and application score details will not be provided.

## NBC Submission Terms

By submitting your application, you grant NBC Entertainment, a division of NBC West, LLC and NBCUniversal Media, LLC (collectively, "NBCU") the non-exclusive, royalty-free, and irrevocable rights to use, reproduce, copy, publish, display, distribute, perform, translate, adapt, modify, and otherwise exploit your submitted video and essay (collectively, the "Submission") and to incorporate the Submission in other works in any and all markets and media worldwide in perpetuity. You warrant that you have the sole and exclusive right to grant such rights to NBCU and that NBCU's reproduction, publishing, displaying, and/or other use of the Submission will not infringe on any rights of third parties, including, without limitation, copyright, trademark, privacy, or publicity, or create claims for defamation, false light, idea misappropriation, intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress, or breach of contract. Entrant is responsible for licensing any and all licensable material included in the Submission, including footage, photos and music (the "Licenses"). NBCU reserves the right to clear Submission elements and secure any necessary Licenses. If any Submissions contain material that is violent, pornographic,

obscene, illegal, inappropriate, or racially or morally offensive or meet NBCU's standards for any reason, as determined by NBCU in its sole discretion, such Submissions may be rejected as ineligible for consideration and/or deleted. Application and Submission must comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. NBCU shall have no obligation to copy, publish, display, or otherwise exploit the Submissions. By entering the contest, each entrant agrees to indemnify, and release and hold harmless, NBCU, and its affiliated companies, from any liability that may occur from participation in the contest and/or use of Prize. NBCU may choose to broadcast on-air and/or display on the <https://www.nbc.com/rise>, a selection of Submissions as determined by NBCU in their sole discretion. By submitting your application, you agree to the posting of your name and Submission on NBCU's social media pages, including but not limited to Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.