



Idaho Professional Technical Education Foundation

BACK TO INDUSTRY GRANTS PROGRAM

The “Back to Industry” grants program has been established to assist educators desiring to spend time in the workplace environment to become acquainted with current trends, improve personal skills, and get a grasp of future direction.

Teachers wishing to participate in the “Back to Industry” grant program should consider the following when looking for opportunities:

- The work experience needs to have a clearly defined expectation that will help make the classroom time more meaningful to students.
- Today’s students need to learn skills and gain knowledge for situations and jobs that don’t exist today.
- The work supervisor needs to understand the purpose of this exercise is to help you obtain skills and knowledge that can be taken back and implemented in the classroom.
- Look to forward thinking companies that understand are implementing new technologies and approaches.

Before applying:

1. Identify the appropriate company for gaining additional skills and knowledge in the desired area of expertise.
2. Meet with the supervisor to explain, in detail, the expectations for the job experience.
3. Together with the supervisor, outline the details of the goals and objectives.
4. Establish a plan for reaching those objectives.

Basis for granting:

- Goals and objectives
- Clarity of work/education plan
- Viability of workplace and workplace experience. (help the board understand why you choose this place for your experience)