

Garden Grants

Arkansas Farm Bureau Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program

The Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program is designed to show that agriculture is an integral part of our everyday environment. Farms, wildlife, forestry, people and cities are all interrelated with agriculture. Since most of Arkansas wildlife resides on and feeds off of private property, including farms and timber lands, the gardens can demonstrate the connection between agriculture, food, fiber, conservation, wildlife, and the urban environment. Applications will be accepted as long as grant funding is available. Up to \$500 may be awarded for new garden sites. This must include matching funds. Up to \$250 may be awarded for on-going garden projects. This also must include matching funds.

Deadline: Rolling

<http://www.arfb.com/education-youth/ag-classroom/garden-grants.aspx>

Arkansas Flower and Garden Show – Greening of Arkansas Grant Program

Applications are currently being accepted from community and civic organizations for beautification projects on public lands. Proceeds from the annual Arkansas Flower and Garden Show fund the Greening of Arkansas program. Awards are available up to \$2,500, and smaller grants are awarded based on a project's merits and overall benefits to the community. The Greening of Arkansas program supports the development and ongoing care of community gardens, neighborhood parks and high-profile public green spaces in towns across Arkansas.

<http://argardenshow.org/about/greening-of-arkansas-grant-program/>

Deadline: early fall

Carton to Garden Contest

Open to grades K-12 in all schools (public, private, or charter in the United States), it's a fun way to teach students about environmental stewardship, recycling, and repurposing materials, and how those concepts can have an impact on the lives of people, other creatures, and our environment. Winners will be based upon their best use of cartons in garden, and must submit photos and an entry form. All will be judged by compliance, quality, sustainability, and creativity.

Deadline: April

http://carton2garden.com/?utm_source=Body5&utm_medium=Copy&utm_campaign=C2G

Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb Gardening Grant

As a leader in the lawn and garden industry, Fiskars believes in contributing to the growing community garden effort and all it represents creative expression, beautiful outdoor spaces, civic and community collaboration, healthy hand-grown food and sustainable living. Since its inception, Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb provided over \$1 million to 125 community groups and helped to complete nine garden makeovers in the U.S. and Canada. Award: \$5,000 in cash and garden tools.

Deadline: February

<http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb>

Fruit Tree 101

This program of The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation brings fruit tree orchards to schoolyards, so students can make a positive environmental impact at their school, while creating a source of tasty snacks for decades to come. Orchard donations involve, on average, a 12-20 tree minimum to public or nonprofit schools. The trees, materials, orchard installation design work, and onsite environmental curriculum with students are all donated, free of

charge for the benefit of the school and its students.

Deadline: Rolling

<http://www.ftpf.org/fruittree101.htm>

Grow More Vegetables Seed Grant Program

Schools are invited to apply for this grant from Syngenta to receive vegetable seeds. Three recipients, one from each category, will be selected and awarded a garden package including vegetable seeds, a flip camera, and a materials donation/gift card. For more information, contact Emily Collins at (800) 472-6616.

Deadline: September

https://co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0wvQ9eQLwGjQH2t

National Gardening Association Grants and Awards

Kidsgardening.org is a resource of The National Gardening Association, and continually updates its list of grants available for garden projects.

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/>

Nature Works Everywhere Garden Grants

The Nature Conservancy's Nature Works Everywhere Program accepts applications from K-12 public or charter schools for garden grants. Grants are between \$1000 and \$2000 depending on project need. Funds may be used to support the building, amendment, or revitalization of gardens on school campuses, with preference given to rain, pollinator, native habitat, and other natural infrastructure projects. Food gardens will also be funded. Commitment letters from the project lead and your school administrator are required.

Deadline: October

<https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/#grants>

Seeds for Education

Project goals should focus on the enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and volunteers and increase the educational value of the site. Creativity in design is encouraged, but must show complete and thoughtful planning. The use of and teaching about native plants and the native plant community is mandatory, and they must be appropriate to the local eco-region and the site conditions (soil, water, sunlight). Cash grants under \$500 are available for plants and seeds, and in-kind donations from Nursery Partners can help stretch these dollars.

Deadline: October 15

<http://www.wildones.org/seeds-for-education/sfe/>

Whole Foods School Garden Grant Program

To be eligible for a garden grant, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or nonprofit K-12 school that is developing or currently maintaining a school garden project that will help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Garden projects may be at any stage of development; planning, construction or operation. For cases in which an applicant facilitates garden projects in more than one school, multiple garden grants may be requested under a single application. In occasional cases, additional funds may be awarded for special projects. In selecting grant recipients, priority will be given to both limited-resource communities and to projects that demonstrate strong buy-in from stakeholders. There is a limit of one garden grant per school.

Deadline: October

<https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/schools/programs/school-garden-grant-program>

Youth Garden Grant

Since 1982, National Gardening Association has provided the Youth Garden Grant to over 5,000 schools, nonprofits, and youth programs across the United States. Youth Garden Grant has contributed over 2.8 million dollars in funding to youth gardening initiatives and serves as National Gardening Association's longest standing grant program. This year, Youth Garden Grant is sponsored by the Grandchildren of Helene and Mark Eisner and by KidsGardening.org's generous donor base with contributions from Bonnie Plants, Ames, and New England Arbors. Twenty (20) awards will be offered this year to support programs in the United States.

Deadline: December

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2016-youth-garden-grant>

Healthy Food Grants

Golden Carrot Awards

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is seeking nominations for its Golden Carrot Awards for outstanding school food service professionals who have developed and implemented a healthy and successful school lunch program. This award recognizes food service programs that offer schoolchildren a range of healthful options, especially a variety of vegetarian foods and nondairy calcium-rich beverage choices. Awards up to \$3000.

Deadline: July

<http://www.pcrm.org/health/healthy-school-lunches/carrot>

General Mills: Champions for Healthy Kids

Launched in partnership with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the Champions for Healthy Kids program (a flagship program of the General Mills Foundation) will award 50 grants of \$20,000 to nonprofit organizations working to improve nutrition and physical fitness behaviors for youth.

<http://www.eatrightfoundation.org/foundation/championgrants/>

Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools!

Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools was launched in 2010 with the mission of donating salad bars to U.S. schools so that every child has daily access to fresh fruits and vegetables. This health school lunch initiative was founded by the Chef Ann Foundation with support from First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move initiative.

Deadline: Rolling

<http://www.saladbars2schools.org/>

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