



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

FOR HABITAT LEARNING LAB SCHOOLS

For more details, visit the websites listed below along with the Alabama Wildlife Federation's website at www.alabamawildlife.org.

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Agriculture in the Classroom

Deadline in October

The Alabama Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation Educational Grant makes grants available for classroom projects that integrate agriculture into curriculum areas during the school year.

Grant amount: \$25-\$500

<https://www.alabamaaitc.org/app-mini-grant/>

Alabama Audubon

Deadline in February

Alabama Audubon Education MiniGrants provide financial support for educators and educational non-profits working to connect students with birds, their habitats, and the next generation of responsible stewardship.

Grant amount: up to \$1,000

<https://alaudubon.org/education-minigrants>

Alabama RC&D Council Grants

Deadline in June

"RC&D" is short for Resource Conservation and Development, a unique process that helps people protect and develop their economic, natural, and social resources in ways that improve their area's economy, environment, and quality of life. There are 9 RC&D Councils across Alabama, and many provide funding for conservation education projects such as Outdoor Classroom development at area schools. Contact your local RC&D Council to see if they are currently accepting grant requests.

Grant amount: varies greatly from \$250 to \$2,500 or more

<https://alabamarcd.org/find-your-rcd/>

American Academy of Dermatology Association

Deadline in December

The AAD's Shade Structure Program awards funds to schools, day-cares, parks, and other non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures where children learn and play. In addition to the grant, the AAD also provides a permanent sign to be placed near the shade structure featuring sun-safety tips.

Grant amount: up to \$8,000

<https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/shade-structure-grants/shade-structure-grant-application>

American Association of Educators Classroom Grant Foundation

Deadlines in March and October

Classroom grants are competitive awards available to all educators for professional development or classroom materials.

Grant amount: up to \$500

<https://www.aateachers.org/awards>

The Bee Cause Grant

Deadline in October

These grant programs allow for schools and non-profit organizations to receive support for educational beehives and bee programming so students can observe bees up close and learn about the vital role these pollinators play in our food system.

Grant amount: a hive or \$1,500

<https://www.thebeecause.org/the-bee-grant/>

Big Cedar Education Foundation

Deadline: Accepted year-round; requests over \$999 are reviewed in March, June, September & December

Big Cedar Education Foundation awards up to \$10,000 for projects that empower children through learning. They offer these funds to schools with projects that align with their mission - to enhance and diversify learning opportunities for children in and out of traditional schools.

<https://bigcedareducationfoundation.org/resources/>



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Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program

Deadline varies regionally, must register for info

The 3rd Grade Cabbage Program is FREE to all 3rd graders. In spring, students will receive plants that produce "oversized" cabbages. Teachers choose a class winner and submit a nomination form to Bonnie Plant Farm. One lucky third grader in each state will win a \$1000 scholarship. Once you enroll the class in the program, Bonnie Plant Farm will contact you and deliver the number of plants you request.

Grant amount: A cabbage for each student, possible \$1,000 scholarship

<https://www.bonniecabbageprogram.com/about-bonnie-plants/>

Central Alabama Electric Cooperative's Bright Ideas Grant

Deadline in December

Teachers in public and private schools, K-12 and home school associations in CAEC's service area are eligible to participate. The Bright Ideas Grant Program supports innovative and effective classroom education curriculum that cannot be covered by traditional school financing.

Grant amount: Up to \$1,500

<https://caec.coop/community-enrichment/bright-ideas-grant/>

Costco Wholesale

Deadline: Applications accepted year-round

Costco Wholesale's Warehouse donation program is intended to meet the needs of organizations which are focused on children, education, or health and human services and serve a local neighborhood and organizations with a similar scope of service. Requests should be submitted 4-6 weeks before event.

Grant amount: \$25-\$50

<https://www.costco.com/charitable-giving.html>

Dekko Foundation Grant

Limestone County Only

Deadline: Applications accepted year-round

The Dekko Foundation invests in the development of economic freedom, specifically within the healthy development of children and young people up to age 18 in environments that nurture their self-sufficiency. Send in your proposal at least 90 days before you would like to receive a response from this foundation.

www.dekkofoundation.org/how-to-apply/

Georgia-Pacific

Deadline: Applications accepted year-round, but early submission in October is encouraged

The Georgia-Pacific Foundation supports organizations that improve the quality of life in communities where Georgia-Pacific operates (must be within 30 miles of GP locations: Huntsville, Talladega, Pennington, Monroeville, Perdue Hill, Brewton.). Grants are awarded for educational efforts, community enrichment, environmental programs, and entrepreneurship initiatives.

Grant amount: open

<https://www.gp.com/community>

Grants in Place: Fellows

Deadline in September

Founded in 2015 by the Rural Schools Collaborative, the Grants in Place Fellowship program awards rural teachers with funds to carry out a "place-based" (involving local flora and fauna, geology, and geography) education project with their students and communities.

<https://ruralschoolscollaborative.org/programs/grants-in-place>



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HATS STEDTRAIN

Deadline in April

STEDTRAIN is a Committee of the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies (HATS) that administers a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Seed Grant program that provides funding to an educator for innovative hands-on classroom projects that will stimulate children's interest in science and technology. Grants are available for K-12 Alabama schools in Jackson, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, and Limestone Counties.

Grant amount: up to \$1,000

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

Jane R Parks Memorial Grant

2026 Deadline: October 15

The Jane R Parks Memorial Grant is offered by Master Gardeners of North Alabama. Jane was a passionate educator for 30 years, and a gardener for most of her life. Through this grant, her legacy of friendship, gardening, humor, and boundless love for life continues. The Jane R. Parks Memorial Grant allocates monies to support a variety of education/horticultural projects in **Madison County**, Alabama.

Grant amount: less than \$1,000

<https://mg.aces.edu/madison/jane-r-parks-grant/>

Karma for Cara Student Microgrant

Deadline in January, April, July, and October

The K4C Microgrant Program is the bridge between ideas and action. K4C helps young citizen leaders execute and magnify their initiatives to help repair our world. Students 18 years of age and under may apply to complete service projects in their communities throughout the United States - turn a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuild a school playground or help senior citizens ready their homes for the winter, for example.

Grant amount: \$250 to \$1,000

<https://karmaforcara.org/microgrant>

Kid's Gardening Gro More Good Grassroots Grant

Deadline in January

The GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. Awards provide funding for the development of new and expansion of existing youth garden programs and greenspaces serving 15 or more youth.

Grant amount: \$500 to \$1,000

<https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/>

Lee County Master Gardeners Association

Deadline in December

The Lee County Master Gardeners of Alabama provide funding for up to eight horticulture projects each year. Projects must be non-profit in nature and provide significant benefit(s) to the citizens of **Lee County** Alabama.

Grant amount: up to \$2,500

<https://www.leemg.org/grants.html>

Legacy

Deadline in October

Legacy funds Education Grants annually to assist with helping to create environmentally responsible citizens through education. Any Alabama organization (including schools) planning a community based environmental program is encouraged to apply.

Grant amount: up to \$2,500

<https://legacyenvd.org/legacy-grants/>

Monarch Watch: Free Milkweed for Schools and Non-Profits

Deadline: Applications accepted year-round

Monarch Watch provides free Milkweed plugs for schools and nonprofits to help create habitats for monarchs and pollinators.

<https://www.monarchwatch.org/bring-back-the-monarchs/milkweed/free-milkweeds-schools-nonprofits/>



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National Weather Association Foundation

Deadline in June

The NWAf's Sol Hirsch Education Fund Grants are awarded annually to teachers/educators of grades K-12 to help improve the education of their students, their school, and/or their community in the science of meteorology.

Grant Amount: Up to \$750

<https://www.nwafoundation.org/scholarships-grants/sol-hirsch-education-fund-grants/>

NHSA GroMoreGood Gardens Grant

Deadline in January

The National Head Start Association (NHSA) will award grants in variable amounts depending on demonstrated need and proposal in the application. Grants will supplement needs of existing garden projects, help launch new garden projects, or supplement/launch outdoor green space projects (land that is partly or completely covered with grass, trees, shrubs, or other vegetation and an option for children and the community to learn).

<https://nhsa.org/resource/gmq-application/>

Project Green Schools Outdoor Classroom Challenge

Deadline in January

Project Green Schools is challenging schools across the country to develop and implement a meaningful outdoor classroom and learning space that awards one Grand Prize of \$10,000 to further enhance an existing space or build a new space.

Grant amount: \$10,000

<https://projectgreenschools.org/outdoor-classroom-challenge/>

Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant

Deadline in October

Elementary classrooms grades K-6 with ten students or more may apply for a grant to establish an herb garden. In addition to plants, the funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plants trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc.

Grant amount: \$500

<https://www.herbsociety.org/get-involved/grants-scholarships/>

Seed Savers Exchange

Deadline: Applications accepted year-round

The Herman's Garden Seed Donation Program donates seeds to non-profit organizations in need.

Grant amount: variety of 50 seed packets

<https://www.seedsavers.org/seed-donation-program>

Tennessee Valley Authority STEM

Deadline in September

The TVA STEM classroom grant program, sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Authority in partnership with Bicentennial Volunteers Incorporated (BVI, a TVA retiree organization), funds STEM learning projects in classrooms and schools in the TVA service area. Educators at K-12 public and private schools served by TVA's local power company partners can apply for grants up to \$5000.

Grant amount: up to \$5,000

<https://www.tva.com/stem>

Tomberg Family Philanthropies

Deadline in September

The Tomberg Family Philanthropies Grant funds projects in the areas of education, the environment, health, and poverty alleviation.

Grant amount: \$5,000 - \$20,000

<https://www.tombergphilanthropies.org/about-our-grants/>



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Toshiba America Foundation (for Grades 6-12)

Deadlines in March, June, September, and December for grants up to \$5,000

Deadlines in May and November for grants over \$5,000

The Toshiba America Foundation encourages teacher-led, K-12 classroom-based programs, projects, and activities that have the potential to improve classroom experiences in science, mathematics, and technology. These specific grants are for grades 6-12.

Grant amount: up to \$5,000 and over \$5,000

<https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

Toshiba America Foundation (for Grades K-5)

Deadline in October

The Toshiba America Foundation encourages teacher-led, K-12 classroom-based programs, projects, and activities that have the potential to improve classroom experiences in science, mathematics, and technology. This specific grant is for grades K-5.

Grant amount: up to \$1,000

<https://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5.jsp>

Walmart Local Community Grant

Deadlines in April, July, November

The Walmart Community Grant Program provides grants to local nonprofit organizations and agencies. Walmart believes that strengthening local communities creates value.

Grant amount: \$250 – \$5,000

<https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>

Wild Ones Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund

Deadline in October

The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund supports projects whose goals focus on developing an awareness for nature by growing native plants in a garden or landscape. Projects must be hands-on, emphasize involvement by students and volunteers in most phases of development, and increase the site's educational value.

Grant amount: \$100-\$500 (for native plants and seeds)

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

Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant

Deadline in March

Through their Garden Grant program, schools and non-profit organizations turn outdoor spaces into powerful hands-on learning gardens that connect kids with food, spark their curiosity and support classroom curriculum.

Grant amount: \$3,500

<https://www.wholefoodsmarketfoundation.org/our-work/childrens-nutrition/garden-grant>

Youth Garden Grant

Deadline in December

Since 1982, the Youth Garden Grant has supported school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. Schools planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of 3 and 18 is eligible to apply.

Grant amount: Packages valued \$750 - \$1,750

<https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/>



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Local Fundraising Opportunities & Support

- School System “Partners-in-Education” Businesses
- Parent-Teacher Associations or Organizations
- Local County Commissioners
- Local Garden Centers
- Plant Rescue Groups
- Local Soil & Water Conservation Offices
- Student-Lead Fundraiser
- Local Master Gardener Groups
- Local Churches

GRANT WRITING TIPS: TOP TEN LIST

1. **Know your audience** – Make sure your project’s goals match the goals of the grant you are applying for.
2. **Follow the guidelines listed** – Read and reread the guidelines provided, and follow them to the letter.
3. **Proof your application** – Have someone who is not involved in your project review your proposal to make sure that it makes sense and answers the questions appropriately.
4. **Honor deadlines** – Try to get your proposal completed and turned in ahead of the deadline to avoid any last minute complications.
5. **Keep it clear and concise** – Only answer the questions asked, and do not include any additional information or attachments if the grant application does not request it.
6. **Submit your reports** – Be sure to follow the guidelines and submit any and all follow-up reports on time.
7. **Passion must be evident** – If possible, be sure to convey how important your project is to your students, the school, and the community as a whole.
8. **Do not use a shotgun approach** – Stay focused and do not include any other projects in your proposal. Also, be sure to demonstrate how your specific project meets their grant program’s goals.
9. **It all starts with a good idea** – Before applying for grants, put your thoughts and ideas on paper using the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program’s Master Plan worksheet and Individual Project Plan worksheets.
10. **Be correct** – Do the necessary research before filling out any grant applications to ensure that you have a true picture of the scope and details of your project.