



Possible Funding Opportunities for the Junior Wildlife Scientist Program



These are some of the funding resources you should consider when sourcing funds to implement the Junior Wildlife Scientist (JWS) Program at your school for the first time. After receiving funds for one year of the JWS Program, show your principal how the curriculum has proven to be an effective learning tool in your Habitat Lab and discuss how you can find administrative or school system support to continue providing JWS to your school.

Local County Soil and Water Conservation Committee



<https://alabamasoilandwater.gov/districts/>

The Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee provides service, leadership, education, and assistance to AL citizens for the wise use, conservation, and development of Alabama's natural resources.

The ALSWCC board meets monthly to vote on who will receive funds. Board policies differ by county, so reach out to your local Certified District Administrative Coordinator to:

- Inquire if you may request funding for the Junior Wildlife Scientist program
- Request a funding request form (if they do not have one, the Habitat Learning Lab program has a funding request form for schools to use)
- Ask for the date of their next board meeting so that you can submit a funding request form for their review at that meeting

Local County Master Gardeners



<https://mg.aces.edu/>

Master Gardeners are Alabama Extension-trained volunteer educators. Some County Master Gardener groups provide funding for horticulture projects each year.

Projects must be non-profit in nature and provide significant benefit(s) to the citizens of their county. Some schools have received funding for the Junior Wildlife Scientist program through their local Master Gardener group.

District County Commissioner

Reach out to your District County Commissioner to inquire if funds are available for one year of Junior Wildlife Scientist materials. Funding availability is dependent on how recently your school received funds for other projects.

Other Possible Funding Opportunities

- Churches
- Rotary Club
- Lions Club
- Work with PTA/PTO to fundraise
- Donations from local business
 - Provide the option to include to include a sticker on the back of the Nature Notebook "Sponsored by *Business Name*"
- STEM Teacher budget
 - Many of the JWS activities are developed around the Alabama State Department of Education standards for Science and Mathematics.
- Title 1 funds
- Discretionary funds from school or principal
- School Fundraiser