



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

FOR HABITAT LEARNING LAB LEARNING STATIONS & ACTIVITY RESOURCES

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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 RC&D Council Grants

"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-council/>

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.aeteachers.org/awards>

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 Honda Foundation

Deadlines: February and August for new organizations; May for returning organizations

The American Honda Foundation Grant is available for projects that reflect the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, including imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. We support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment.

Grant amount: average grant range is \$20,000 to \$75,000

<https://csr.honda.com/longform-content/honda-corporate-funding/>

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.thebecause.org/the-bee-grant/>

The Bee Conservancy: Sponsor-a-Hive

Deadline in March

Sponsor-A-Hive places native bee houses and honey bee hives across the U.S. and Canada to empower underserved communities to grow food, bolster local ecology, and protect vital keystone species. Each year, they provide bee homes, ongoing support, and educational materials to schools, gardens, and other community groups to help foster local native bee resilience.

<https://www.thebeeconservancy.org/sponsor-a-hive-eligibility/>

Birmingham Audubon

Deadline in February

Birmingham 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>

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://bonniecabbageprogram.com/participate/>

Budding Botanist Grant

Deadline in October

The Klorane Botanical Foundation is committed to supporting programs to teach respect for the environment and protect nature through the preservation of plant species and biodiversity. Applicants for the Budding Botanist Grant must demonstrate that at least 40% of their student population would qualify for free or reduced-price meals, and must be planning a new or expanding an existing school garden program designed to teach students about environmental sustainability and the importance of biodiversity.

Grant amount: \$1,200

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

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: 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>

Gardening Know How School & Community Garden Sponsorship

Deadline: year-round, program selection is the following year

Gardening Know How awards \$1,000 to 20 different garden projects with a growing, unmet need for more soil, seeds, fertilizers, building materials, or even just help getting the word out about the program.

Grant amount: \$1,000

www.gardeningknowhow.com/school-community-garden-sponsorship

Georgia-Pacific

Deadline: 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 location). Grants are awarded for educational efforts, community enrichment, environmental programs, and entrepreneurship initiatives.

Grant amount: open

<https://www.gp.com/stewardship/faqs/>

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/>

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/>

Legacy

Deadline in March

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/>

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: \$150-\$500 (for native plants and seeds)

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

Monarch Watch: Free Milkweed for Schools and Non-Profits

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/>

Nature's Path Gardens for Good

Deadline in March

The Gardens for Good grant program supports community gardens across North America that are growing organic food and making a difference in their communities. Open to community and school gardens for non-profits.

Grant Amount: Up to \$5,000

<https://www.naturespath.com/en-us/our-path/nourishing-communities/gardens-for-good/>

National Weather Association Foundation

Deadline in June

The NWF'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://nwafoundation.org/scholarships-grants/>

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: \$300

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

Seed Savers Exchange

Deadline: 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/learn/#community-seed-donations>

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 - \$15,000

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

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

Deadline in December

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/program-guidelines/spark-good-local-grants-guidelines>

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: \$3,000

<https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant>

Youth Garden Grant

Deadline in November

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/>

Need Details for Your Grant Proposals & Budgets?

For Habitat Lab Outdoor Learning Stations' Descriptions, Materials Lists, Budgets, and Activities, visit alabamawildlife.org/outdoor-learning-stations.

For Activity Kit Resources & Budgets, visit alabamawildlife.org/habitat-lab-activity-kits/