



# Youth Gardening & Environmental Education Grants

## **Community Foods Projects Competitive Grant Program**

[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/community\\_food.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/community_food.html)

PDF/Word Application on website

This is a Federal grant through the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The application description says: "NIFA requests applications for the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants program (CFPCGP) for fiscal year (FY) 2013 to support: (1) the development of Community Food Projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining; and (2) Planning Projects to assess the food security needs and plan long-term solutions to help ensure food security in communities. Future funding of this grant may be at risk due to politics.

**Deadline:** November

## **Annie's School Garden Grants**

<http://www.annies.com/school-gardens/>

Application Link: <http://www.annies.com/school-gardens/grants-for-gardens/>

Annie's offers grants to school (K-12) gardens that connect children directly to real food. The grant is for up to \$1500. These funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies.

**Deadline:** Check in Fall

## **Master Gardener Grants for school gardens in Asheville/Buncombe County**

<http://buncombe.ces.ncsu.edu/2013/02/selection-criteria-for-school-grants-program/>

PDF Application on website

The Extension Master Gardener Volunteers (EMGs) have small grants available for schools in Asheville/Buncombe County, to create Learning Gardens for students. Grant awards vary, but the average amount is \$250.00.

**Deadline:** May/June

## **Green Thumb Challenge**

<http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenthumbchallengesub/green-thumb-challenge-winners.html>

PDF Application on website

GEF and Gardener's Supply Company have teamed up on an exciting funding opportunity for established youth (K-12 and youth groups) garden projects nationwide! The organizations are calling on schools and youth groups to submit chronicles of their garden projects in a race to win a \$1,000 prize. The award is designed to support the continued sustainability of an exceptional youth garden program that has demonstrated success, and has impacted the lives of kids and their community. Contestants need to do

at least one of the following, or a combination of: One video, up to ten minutes long; A digital portfolio, comprising up to ten photos with captions (please send original photo files); Scanned artwork with descriptions.

**Deadline:** September/October

### **Ag in the Classroom Grant**

<http://www.ncagintheclassroom.com/>

Application: [http://www.ncagintheclassroom.com/pdf/AGintheClassroom\\_local.pdf](http://www.ncagintheclassroom.com/pdf/AGintheClassroom_local.pdf)

Farm Bureau offers \$500 grants to teachers to “help teachers provide their K-12 students with valuable, real-world education and experiences about the agricultural industry, while adhering to Common Core and Essential Standards.” The project should “impact the understand of North Carolina agriculture” and the educator should reach out to the local community to share in the project.

**Deadline:** April

### **Chas C. Hart Seed Co. Seed Donation**

<http://hartseed.com/>

Application: <http://hartseed.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Donations-Department-pdf.pdf>

The Hart Seed Company offers discounted seed lots for reduced cost (100 for \$14.95, then \$5 for each additional 100 packets) to missionary groups, teachers and community gardens.

**Deadline:** None

### **Katie’s Krops Grant**

<http://www.katieskrops.com/apply-for-a-grant.html>

General grant for starting, maintaining school gardens or gardens that fight food access issues.

**Deadline:** Unknown

### **Chevrolet Green Educator Award**

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

Application Link: <http://www.greeneducator.org/application.php>

Chevrolet has partnered up with Earth Force to recognize educators from formal and non-formal education programs for their contribution to teaching youth about the environment.

**Deadline:** Unknown

### **Audubon and Toyota togethergreen Grant**

<http://www.togethergreen.org/grants>

Application: <http://www.togethergreen.org/grants/application-guidelines>

Toyota and Audubon have teamed up to provide grant funding for conservation, innovation and planning projects to protect and conserve the environment. Grants average \$5,000 to \$80,000 and projects must be run through Audubon groups or be partnered with a local Audubon chapter to apply.

**Deadline:** April

**NFL Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant\*\*\***

[http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds\\_for\\_futp60.php](http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds_for_futp60.php)

\*\*\*Please see website for specific details.

**Deadline:** June

**Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award**

<http://www.neefusa.org/bartlettaward.htm>

The Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award is given annually to an outstanding middle or high school teacher who successfully integrates environmental education into their curriculum and engages students in interdisciplinary solutions to environmental challenges. The award recognizes an educator who can serve as an inspiration and model for others. The Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award winner will receive \$5,000 and two merit winners will receive \$750 each.

**Deadline:** Unknown

**Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award**

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2012-subaru-healthy-sprouts-award>

Subaru recognizes and supports “youth gardening programs focused on teaching about the environment, nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. Through winning programs, youth will learn the skills necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle compatible with environmental stewardship and gain an understanding of how their actions can positively impact the wellbeing of their community. To be eligible for the 2012 Healthy Sprouts Awards, your school or organization must plan to garden in 2013 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and education related to environmental, nutrition and hunger issues in the United States.” The grant package includes: \$400 gift certificate to the Gardening with Kids catalog and online store for youth gardening supplies and supporting educational materials; NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit; set of hand tools and three pairs of child-sized gloves; Curriculum package from NGA; Plantcam to document the growth and changes of your garden. Must apply through the National Gardening Association.

**Deadline:** September/October

**NEA Student Achievement Grants**

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/learning-leadership-grants/>

“The NEA Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should

engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection." Grants available are \$2000 and \$5000.

**Deadline:** Periodically, Feb 1., June 1, Oct. 15

### **NEA Learning and Leadership Grants**

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/learning-leadership-grants/>

"The NEA Foundation provides grants to support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes: Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment." Grants available are \$2000 and \$5000.

**Deadline:** Periodically, Feb 1., June 1, Oct. 15

### **Youth 2 Youth Grants**

<http://www.dosomething.org/programs/youth-2-youth-eligibility-guidelines>

Grant application for youth under 25. Intended for projects that help youth in the community. Do Something has teamed up with Hoop-a-Paluzza to offer ten \$500 grants and twenty \$250 grants to fund youth-led and designed projects that target and benefit other youths.

**Deadline:** Unknown

### **Do Something Seed Grants**

<http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants>

Must create a profile to apply for grants

Do Something Seed Grant. We give out a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people and their project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact. \$500, One a Week! No Deadline. Apply now! You will be notified whether or not you have won within 2-3 months after submission.

**Deadline:** Ongoing

### **Home Depot Youth Garden Grant Award**

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2013-youth-garden-grant-award>

Must make an account to apply

Youth Garden Grants are sponsored by the Home Depot and are awarded to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be

given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements: Educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible to apply. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years. Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply may do so, but must wait one year (e.g., if you won in 2008, you can apply again in 2010) and have significantly expanded their garden programs. Awards include gift certificates to Home Depot and to the Kids Gardening Store.

**Deadline:** November/December

### **Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grants Program**

<http://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php>

The Whole Kids Foundation provides grants to help start and maintain school garden across the U.S.

**Deadline:** October

### **The Herb Society of America Grant for Educators**

<http://herbsociety.org/resources/educator-grants.html>

PDF Application available on website

The website says “The Herb Society of America's mission is to promote the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experience of its members with the community. The Grant for Educators challenges individuals, groups or small businesses to develop and deliver learning experiences to the public. Each year, the Grant Committee anticipates funding one or two grants for a total of \$5,000. The grant rewards innovative projects that enhance herbal education in school systems, in communities, or in any public forum (electronic or person-to-person). It requires learning goals and a mechanism to measure the educational outcomes. Applications are requested from educators (formal or informal teachers), persons engaged/employed in botanical or horticultural activities, museum directors, botanical / garden writers, small herbal business owners. Proposals from students will not be accepted.”

**Deadline:** December

### **Volvo Adventure**

<http://www.volvoadventure.org/Default.aspx>

In an effort to engage young people about local environmental issues, Volvo initiated two programs for 10-12 and 13-16 year-olds from around the world that challenges them to develop a solution to the program. For the 13-16 group, teams identify and seek to solve a local/global environmental issue by developing a plan or innovation. Finalists win a free trip to Sweden for the final round and get to work together with other children from around the world to learn and develop skills. The winning team gets

up to \$10,000 to develop their project further. For the 10-12 group, teams will draw a cartoon involving Bob the Bunny. The finalists for this also get a free trip to Sweden.

**Deadline:** January

### **Rural Community Facility Grants**

[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-CF\\_Grants.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-CF_Grants.html)

The USDA's website says: "Grant funds may be used to assist in the development of essential community facilities. Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services. This can include the purchase of equipment required for a facility's operation. A grant may be made in combination with other CF financial assistance such as a direct or guaranteed loan, applicant contributions, or loans and grants from other sources. The Community Facilities Grant Program is typically used to fund projects under special initiatives, such as Native American community development efforts; child care centers linked with the Federal government's Welfare-to-Work initiative; Federally-designated Enterprise and Champion Communities, and the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative area." These grants are for communities with 20,000 people or less and are offered through the Rural Development Office in your local area. The website offers a map to search for your local contact.

**Deadline:** Unknown

### **CVS Caremark Community Grants**

<http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/ways-we-give/cvs-caremark-community-grants>

The website says "CVS Caremark is committed to building healthier communities. Through the CVS Caremark Community Grants Program we provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations that are providing much-needed access to health care for underserved populations; wellness and prevention programs that are aimed at helping people achieve their best health, including those in public schools; and programs that are helping all kids on their path to better health – with a focus on the critical years of development from birth to age five. The grant application process runs from January 1 through November 15 and grants are awarded on a quarterly basis. Qualifying organizations are eligible for grants of up to \$5,000."

**Deadline:** November

### **Target Field Trip Grants**

<https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants>

The Target Field Trip Grants program will award U.S. educators grants of up to \$700 each to fund a field trip for their students. Target Field Trip Grants may be used to fund trips to art museums, cultural events, civic experiences, and environmental sites. Up to five thousand grants will be awarded across the United States. Grants will be awarded to educators, teachers, principals, para-professionals, and/or classified staff. Visit the Target Web site for further information and to register and complete the application form.

**Deadline:** August/September

### **State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grant**

<http://www.ysa.org/goodneighbor>

Application(must create a profile): [https://app.wizehive.com/appform/login/ysa\\_sfgn](https://app.wizehive.com/appform/login/ysa_sfgn)

With generous support from the State Farm Companies Foundation, Youth Service America (YSA) is offering the annual State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grant for programs enhancing student achievement through service-learning in K-12 public schools in all fifty US states, the District of Columbia, and in the Canadian provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, and Alberta. These grants of up to \$1,500 support teachers and service-learning coordinators in engaging students. “The State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grant requires a 14+ week Semester of Service™ starting in the Fall and ending on Global Youth Service Day. YSA will offer a series of regional trainings in selected geographic locations. Each regional training will introduce grantees to the elements and expectations of the program, presenting the suite of tools, resources, and support that YSA will provide. Attendance at one regional training is a required element of participation in the State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grant program.”

**Deadline:** June

### **Sow It Forward**

<http://kgi.org/sow-it-forward>

“Sow It Forward is the grants and partnership program of Kitchen Gardeners International. The grant is for nonprofit causes (schools, churches, food pantries, community gardens, senior programs, etc.) interested in starting or expanding food garden projects that are of general benefit to their community. Although our first round of grants will be awarded to US-based groups, we welcome applications from outside the US as we may be able to support them through other means. The \$600 grant consists of: a \$300 cash grant paid in two installments; a \$200 giftcard to Gardeners Supply Co; a \$55 vegetable seed (non-GMO, non-hybrid) package from the Ark Institute; a \$25 one-year subscription to KGI's online garden planner courtesy of GrowVeg.com; a \$20 value garden book via Storey Publishing.”

**Deadline:** January

### **NC Beautiful Window of Opportunity Grant**

[http://ncbeautiful.org/?page\\_id=24](http://ncbeautiful.org/?page_id=24)

The website says “Let NC Beautiful help with financial support and encouragement as you develop your ideas. Since 1999, NC Beautiful, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has provided K-12 teachers across North Carolina with resources to develop educational programs that enhance and support ABC initiatives and the NC Standard Course of Study. Through the Windows of Opportunity competitive grant, teachers are rewarded for their innovation and creativity as they promote environmental stewardship with their students to improve appreciation of the environment, and , in turn, the beauty of our State. We look forward to serving you! Grants are for up to \$1000 per teacher or classroom for use between January and June. The grants are available to: Certified K-12 teachers in the state of North Carolina; Project leaders must be full time teachers at the applicant school; The applicant school must be a recognized,

accredited institution within the state of North Carolina. Public, private, and charter schools are eligible; The applicant school must follow the recognized NC Standard Course of Study and ABC Initiatives. After-school programs, mentoring programs, and preschool programs are not eligible.

**Deadline:** November

### **Bonnie's 3rd Grade Cabbage Program**

<http://bonniecabbageprogram.com/>

Register Here: <http://bonniecabbageprogram.com/register/>

Information for Teachers: <http://bonniecabbageprogram.com/teachers/>

Bonnie's 3rd Grade Cabbage Program distributes free cabbage plants to third-grade classrooms whose teachers sign up to participate. This year 1,200,000 third-graders will be planting and taking care of their own cabbage plants. Students are also eligible to submit a photo to judge who has the winning cabbage.

### **National Science Teachers Association Awards**

<http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx>

There are various awards for students and teachers K-12, with various recognition and funding available. If you have an outstanding student or know an outstanding science teacher, see if there is an award they may be eligible for!

**Deadline:** Various

### **Project Learning Tree GreenWorks! Grant**

<http://www.plt.org/apply-for-greenworks-environmental-education-grant>

Word application on website

PLT provides funds for school/community environmentally-friendly projects that incorporate a service learning component. Please see website for more details.

**Deadline:** September

### **Captain Planet Foundation Grant**

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/>

Application: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/online-grant-application-instructions/>

Captain Planet funds projects that: Promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on involvement, involve children and young adults 6-18 (elementary through high school), promote interaction and cooperation within the group and help young people develop planning and problem solving skills. Awards range from \$250- 2,500.

**Deadline:** February, September



### **ING Unsung Heros**

<http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>

The website says “Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding but long on potential? Do you know a teacher looking for grant dollars? ING Unsung Heroes® could help you turn great ideas into reality for students. For more than 15 years, and with more than \$4 million in awarded grants, ING Unsung Heroes has proven to be an A+ program with educators. The program’s “alumni” have inspired success in the classroom and impacted countless numbers of students. Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000.”

**Deadline:** Unknown

### **Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden Grant**

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2013-muhammad-ali-center-peace-garden-grant>

The website promotes “ In an effort to help all schools sow the seeds of respect, the Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden is designed to help schools teach lessons of peace and hunger awareness through garden activities....Peace gardens focus on using edible plants from different cultures providing youth with the opportunity to learn about the world through culinary delights.” The website provides an activity guide for teachers to use in their classrooms. “To be eligible for the 2013 Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden, your school or organization must plan to garden in 2013 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. Schools within the United States must have a student body eligible for 50% or more reduced or free lunches. This is a global initiative; all International countries and territories are eligible to apply. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and peace studies, and nutrition and hunger issues.” The \$500 grant package includes \$400 in gardening supplies and \$100 for soil amendments and plants.

**Deadline:** January

### **The Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant**

<http://herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html>

PDF Application available on website

The website says “The Herb Society of America, as a recipient of a bequest from the estate of Donald Samull, has established two herb garden grants for teachers in grades 3 through 6. Mr. Samull was an elementary school teacher who used his love of herbs in the classroom with his 3rd-6th grade students. These grants will ensure that his tradition of using herbs with students will continue for years to come. Public and/or private 3rd through 6th grade teachers, with classes of a minimum of 15 students may apply for an indoor or an outdoor herb garden grant. The Herb Society of America will award four (4) schools each year indoor window sill herb gardens. The classrooms selected will receive three (3) windowsill herb garden kits including pots, soil, seeds and educational materials to use in the classroom. The Herb Society of America will provide the educational materials. The Herb Society of America will select five (5) schools/classrooms to receive \$200 "Seed Money" to establish an outdoor herb garden.

The funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc. The school may need to seek additional funding and support from other sources. The Herb Society of America will provide the educational materials and herb seeds.”

**Deadline:** October

#### **Fund for Wild Nature Small Grants**

<http://www.fundwildnature.org/proposal-dates-a-guidelines/dates-a-guidelines.html>

The Fund for Wild Nature provides "small grants to small groups who get things done." The fund provides money for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, including actions to defend wilderness and biological diversity. Past grants awarded ranges from \$1000 - \$3000. The fund supports development of citizen science endeavors. It does not support basic scientific research, private land acquisition, individual action or study, or conferences. The fund will only support media projects that have a clear strategic value and a concrete plan for dissemination of the final product. The fund also gives special attention to ecological issues not currently receiving sufficient public attention and funding and seeks proposals with visionary and yet realistic goals to create tangible change. All proposals must be highly cost effective. The fund rarely supports proposals from organizations with annual budgets greater than \$250,000.

**Deadline:** May 1 and November 1

#### **Toshiba Math and Science Classroom Grant for K-5**

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

Application:

[http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display\\_question?x\\_gm\\_id=4184&x\\_quiz\\_id=4698&x\\_order\\_by=1](http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=4184&x_quiz_id=4698&x_order_by=1)

The website says “K-5 grade teachers are invited to apply on-line for a \$1,000 Toshiba America Foundation grant to help bring an innovative hands-on project into their own classroom. With a Toshiba America Foundation grant, elementary teachers can bring their best new teaching ideas to life.”

**Deadline:** October 1

#### **Toshiba Math and Science Classroom Grant for 6-12**

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

Application:

[http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display\\_question?x\\_gm\\_id=4184&x\\_quiz\\_id=4698&x\\_order\\_by=1](http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=4184&x_quiz_id=4698&x_order_by=1)

The website says “Wanted: Classroom Innovators! Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students.”

**Deadline:** February 1 and August 1

### **Lowe's Toolbox for Education Community Grants**

<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/index.html>

The Lowe's Charitable & Educational Foundation awards more than \$3 million annually to diverse organizations across the United States. The Foundation provides funding only to 501(c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers. Primary philanthropic focus areas are: Community improvement projects; K-12 Public School Initiatives. Many winning awardees have been school gardens. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Apply early, only the first 1,500 applications are looked at:

**Deadline:** Spring and Fall (October)

### **Fiskar's Project Orange Thumb Community Garden Grant**

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

Started in 2003, Project Orange Thumb is a grant program that provides community garden groups with the tools and materials they need to reach their goals for neighborhood beautification and horticulture education. Projects have included an emphasis toward community involvement, neighborhood beautification, sustainable agriculture and/or horticultural education. Community garden groups, as well as schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, etc. are encouraged to apply. Grant Recipients Receive: Up to \$1,000.00 in Fiskars® Garden Tools, Project Orange Thumb t-Shirts for garden members/volunteers and up to \$1000.00 for other materials such as plants, seeds, mulch, etc. Contact— [orangethumb@fiskars.com](mailto:orangethumb@fiskars.com) or call 800-500-4849.

**Deadline:** December

### **Z Smith Reynolds Foundation Small Grants**

[http://www.zsr.org/small\\_grants.htm](http://www.zsr.org/small_grants.htm)

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is a private, general purpose foundation with the mission of improving the quality of life of the people of North Carolina. The Foundation is interested in supporting two particular kinds of organizations or projects through its grantmaking. First, the Foundation desires to support organizations, programs and projects that accomplish progressive policy change and/or systemic reform, especially those that have multi-county or statewide impact. By strategically focusing on efforts to affect policies, the Foundation believes the investments it makes can have a broader and deeper impact on the lives of the largest number of North Carolinians. Second, the Foundation desires to support innovative, community-based projects within the Foundation's focus areas, with an emphasis on reaching low-resource and/or rural regions in the state.

To accomplish its purpose and goals, the Foundation currently gives special attention to certain areas of focus:

- \* Community Economic Development
- \* Democracy and Civic Engagement
- \* Environment
- \* Pre-Collegiate Education
- \* Social Justice and Equity

While the listed areas of focus are of highest priority for its grantmaking, the Foundation also desires to serve as a catalyst for new practices and ideas and to respond to challenges or opportunities that are unique to North Carolina. In addition to funding projects that achieve the goals of each area of focus, the Foundation is interested in building the capacity of nonprofit organizations (and in promoting organizational development). Finally, the Foundation reserves the right to remain flexible in its grantsmaking policies.

#### **American Honda Foundation Grant**

<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Application Start:

[http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display\\_question?x\\_gm\\_id=2587&x\\_quiz\\_id=1338&x\\_order\\_by=1](http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=2587&x_quiz_id=1338&x_order_by=1)

The American Honda Foundation makes grants to K–12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and others for programs that benefit youth and scientific education. The foundation seeks programs that are scientific, creative, humanistic, youthful, innovative, as well as are STEM and environmentally-focused. In general, grant ranges of \$10,000 - \$100,000 will apply to requests of a one-time only basis, payable in one lump sum, within one quarter's (3 months) grantmaking. Multiple year associations or grant requests made payable over more than one quarter could be proportionately higher. The average grant range is \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year.

**Deadline:** Four throughout the year: Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, Nov. 1

#### **Sodexo Foundation School Engagement Grant**

<http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoschool>

“The Sodexo Foundation School Engagement Grant program engages teachers and students, grades K-12, in learning about the incidence of childhood hunger in their community, and in leading meaningful activities that facilitate access to nutritious food for all children, especially those most at risk. The grant program is designed to address the need to ensure that every child in the United States grows up with access to enough nutritious food. The program will be implemented through a service-learning “Semester of Service” focused on childhood hunger. Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that combines meaningful service to the community with acquisition of academic learning and skills. Schools and organizations use service-learning as a strategy to support student learning, academic achievement and workplace readiness, as youth address real problems and improve communities. The Sodexo Foundation School Engagement Grant program incorporates service-learning into a Semester of Service framework that engages students in a minimum of 70 hours of service and learning over a period

of at least 10 -14 weeks. This program focuses primarily on building the academic subject areas of civics, social studies and language arts but may also incorporate other academic areas.”

**Deadline:** February

### **Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants**

<http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth>

“More than 16 million children live in food insecure homes, not always sure where their next meal will come from. That’s why YSA and Sodexo Foundation are calling on young people to “take hunger personally” and join the fight to end childhood hunger. Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants of \$500 grants fund youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees and other community members to address childhood hunger.”

**Deadline:** Unknown

### **STEMester of Service Grants**

<http://www.ysa.org/grants/stemester>

“STEMester of Service Grants support middle school educators in STEM subject areas in engaging their students in a Semester of Service. Funded by Learn and Serve America, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, STEMester of Service incorporates YSA’s semester-long service-learning framework to engage educators and students in addressing critical environmental and disaster preparedness needs and connecting them to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) curricula, specifically science and technology, in order to increase student academic achievement. The \$5,000 grant supports teachers and afterschool program facilitators as they engage local partners and guide students in addressing local needs through planning and implementing sustainable service projects that launch on Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service and culminate on Global Youth Service Day.”

**Deadline:** Unknown

### **Mantis Awards for Community and Youth Gardens**

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/2012-mantis-awards-community-and-youth-gardens>

PDF Application on website

Each year, Mantis presents the Mantis Awards for charitable and educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life in their host communities. National Gardening Association selects 25 outstanding applicants to receive Mantis tiller/cultivators. Any nonprofit garden program may apply. In the past, winners have included schools, churches, correctional facilities, parks departments, youth camps, community gardens, and many others. These are groups turning slim resources into bountiful gardens with far-reaching benefits, from increasing their community’s access to fresh nutritious foods to educating the public about the importance of gardening in our nation’s history. Award Packages: 25 programs will each receive a Mantis Tiller/Cultivator with border/edger and kickstand, and their choice of [gas-powered 2-cycle engine](#) or [electric motor](#). Value: \$349.00.

**Deadline:** February/March

### **SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Award**

[http://seaworldparks.com/en/SeaWorld\\_Teachers/Environmental-Excellence-Awards](http://seaworldparks.com/en/SeaWorld_Teachers/Environmental-Excellence-Awards)

The website says “The Environmental Educator of the Year could be an outstanding youth or adult that has made outstanding efforts to inspire the next generation of conservation leaders. Nominees can be formal or informal educators, but all must have demonstrated successes in motivating others to help preserve and protect our environment. Nominees must be U.S. citizens and have a majority of their education success within the U.S. The recipient of the Environmental Educator of the Year will receive \$10,000 and an all expense paid trip to the 2014 National Science Teachers Association Conference. They will be honored at an awards banquet at the conference. You must produce a video (less than 5 minutes) that answers the following questions to nominate someone: Why should this person be the Environmental Educator of the Year? What are the most significant positive impacts the nominee has made? If your nominee is selected as a winner, how will that help them to make an even bigger impact on the environment? How does the nominee inspire others? Why are you personally nominating this person?”

**Deadline:** November

### **Golden Carrot Awards**

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

The website says “The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) established the Golden Carrot Awards in 2004 to recognize food service professionals doing an exceptional job of improving the healthfulness of school lunches. PCRM looks for programs that encourage kids to eat lots of fresh fruits and vegetables and that offer plenty of vegetarian, low-fat, whole grain, and nondairy options. Children who are raised on a healthy vegetarian diet have a lower risk of obesity, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and some cancers compared with those who grow up on an average American diet.”

**Deadline:** August

### **American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Grant\*\*\***

<http://www.aad.org/spot-skin-cancer/what-we-do/shade-structure-grant-program/shade-structure-grant-program>

Application: <http://www.aad.org/ssp/>

The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Grant Program awards grants to public schools and non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures for outdoor locations that are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds, pools or recreation spaces. Each Shade Structure Grant is valued up to \$8,000, which includes the cost for a shade structure and installation. In addition to the grant, the Academy also provides a permanent sign near the shade structure. The AAD receives support for this program from its members.

\*\*\*Please see website as there are very specific requirements for this grant.

**Deadline:** September/October

### **Garden Club of America Scholarships and Fellowships**

<http://www.gcamerica.org/scholarships.php3>

GCA offers several research fellowships and scholarships for undergrads, grads and people already in the field. Topics include: ecological restoration, urban forestry, environmental studies, wetland studies, botany, desert studies and more. Most provided annually.

**Deadline:** Throughout the year, see website for specific deadlines

### **Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Curricula Grant**

<http://www.mgaef.org/grants.htm>

Application: <http://www.mgaef.org/application.htm>

The Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation is offering grants all around the world for teachers to develop and implement “holistic environmental curricula that: integrates field activities and classroom teaching, and incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving.” The curricula must: “Show a holistic approach, Strive to synthesize multiple levels of learning (facts, concepts, principles), include experiential integrated learning and problem solving, be founded on basic scientific principles, including hypothesis testing and experimental design, incorporate basic ecological principles and field environmental activities within a primary or secondary school setting, present controversial issues objectively, stressing the development of individual student opinions.” Any organization is eligible to apply (schools, non-profits, governmental agencies, etc.).

**Deadline:** September

### **Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant**

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

PDF Application available on the website

Named in honor of Lorrie Otto, a leader of Wild Ones, in 1996, this grant gives money to teachers and students in the U.S. to plant natural areas with native plants to enhance the natural environment, attract wildlife to the school yard and teach students about the environment. The grant is for \$500 or less and can be used for a variety of projects (the website provides ideas as well).

**Deadline:** October

### **Other:**

**School Garden Q&As** In this memo, USDA recently clarified that school food service funds may be used to purchase seeds, gardening tools, fertilizer, etc for school gardens. Such funds may also be devoted to starting and maintaining gardens on school property and schools are allowed to purchase produce from the gardens, even if the garden is managed and maintained by another school organization.

[http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2009/SP\\_32-2009\\_os.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2009/SP_32-2009_os.pdf)

**Websites with good updated grant links:**

- Gardening with Kids- <http://grants.kidsgardening.org/>
- North Carolina Environmental Education Center- <http://web.eenorthcarolina.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.108.37430&tid=85010>
- League of Environmental Educators in Florida (LEEF) grant page- <http://southeastee.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.110.37432&tid=85010>
- North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)- <http://eelink.net/pages/Grants+-+General+Information>
- National Farm to School Program- <http://www.farmentoschool.org/fundingopps.php>
- The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program- <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/apnep/grants>
- National Environmental Education Foundation Grants- <http://www.neefusa.org/grants/index.htm>
- U.S. Grants- <http://www.grants.gov/search/category.do>

**Crowd-Sourcing Funding**

- Donors Choose- <http://www.donorschoose.org/>
- ioby- <http://ioby.org/idea>

**Additional Resources:**

- Discover Agriculture- <http://www.ag.ncat.edu/extension/discoveragriculture/index.htm>
- North Carolina 4-H Plants, Soils and Bugs Program- [www.growforit.org](http://www.growforit.org)
- Down to Earth- <http://www.ag.ncat.edu/extension/programs/dte/index2.html>
- School Garden Wizard- <http://www.schoolgardenwizard.org/>
- Garden Mosaics- <http://www.dnr.cornell.edu/gardenmosaics/>
- The Great Plant Escape- <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/gpe/index.html>
- The American Horticultural Society National Children and Youth Garden Symposium- <http://www.ahs.org/gardening-programs/youth-gardening/ncygs>

**Grant Advice**

- <http://gardenabcs.com/uploads/nativeplantgrantadvice.pdf>
- <http://www.mgaef.org/advice.htm>

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