

Wildflower Garden Club Grants Program **Application Deadline 1 November**

The goal of the Wildflower Garden Club (WfGC) Grants Program is **to encourage botanical education** by funding scholarly studies, scientific research projects or work in the areas of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, and Plant Pathology and/or allied subjects.

Total grant amount awarded per year is *up to* \$2,000 and can be requested in its entirety or in part. The total amount to be awarded in a given year is determined by the WfGC Executive Committee. The smallest request considered will be \$200. The number of awards will vary each year dependent upon the amount of money requested and the total amount to be awarded. For example, if the WfGC sets a maximum of \$1,000 for the grant program and agrees to fund a single grant for \$1,000, then only one grant will be awarded that year. If several smaller requests are received, the WfGC could fund more than one request. Applicants should indicate whether partial funding of their proposal would be helpful if full funding is not possible. Applicants who only receive partial funding are eligible to apply the following year for the remaining funds.

Grants: Individuals and non-profit entities engaged in work in the above listed fields may apply for grant funding. **Organizations** must have 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit recognized by the IRS, be based in the State of Alaska, and should be able to demonstrate a solid track record of successful grant-funded projects.

Types of projects which could be funded include, but are not limited to:

- Paid internships for university students in the field of study listed above.
- Conservation/Preservation projects
- Design/Development projects relating to Alaska's native plants, Alaskan horticulture, agriculture or forestry
- Signage and public education projects
- Public beautification projects
- Other related projects (describe well in the application narrative)
- Organizations may apply once every three years
- Scholarships

Items which will not be funded:

- General operating support for on-going maintenance, payroll, etc.
- Administrative expenses (accounting, insurance, overhead, etc.)
- Activities not related to the specific mission of the applicant organization.

Collaboration: The WfGC seeks to partner with other organizations on community projects that match our mission. If the WfGC identifies your project as one in which we would be interested in a partnership, we will contact you to discuss a collaborative endeavor. You may also indicate on the grant form that you desire to partner with the WfGC. In general we prefer not to act as a passive participant by simply supplementing organizations own fundraising activities that go towards community projects very similar to ones that we also are or may be planning.

Evaluation: Each application will be evaluated by members of the Grants Committee. Applications will be judged on feasibility, value to botanical education and/or contribution to beautification.

Sample Projects:

- Girl Scout troop planning a wildflower garden
- Elementary school teacher planning a unit on botany in classroom
- Plant signage in a public area.

**Wildflower Garden Club Grant Application
Due November 1**

- 1 Name of applicant or organization: _____
- 2 Mailing address: _____
- 3 Telephone number: _____ E-mail _____
- 4 Amount Requested: _____
- 5 Contact person performing work: _____
- 6 Brief resume of person requesting funds: _____
- 7 Do you wish to partner with the WfGC on your project? _____
- 8 If applicable, Taxpayer Identification Number: _____
- 9 Location of project: _____
- 10 Timeline for completing project: _____

11 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Detailed description of the project (not to exceed 3 pages). On a separate sheet describe the budget, i.e. how the money will be spent. If the project has funding from other sources, this should be fully described. If the project involves public or private lands, letters of permission should be included.

12 SUMMARY REPORT: a summary report to the Wildflower Garden Club (with photographs if appropriate) describing how the project fared is expected within one calendar year from the receipt of the award. Longer term projects would have flexibility in the report deadline.

13 APPLICATION DEADLINE: The application deadline is 1 November. Monies must be used within one calendar year of date of the award. Applicants will be notified by 1 December.

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