



Eligible Applicants and Purpose

Grants are only available to teachers of grades prekindergarten through 12 in Illinois schools and home-schooling teachers in Illinois and are awarded for the purpose of studying some aspect of Illinois' biodiversity. "Biodiversity" refers to the variety of life in an area. The field trip should support Illinois natural resources topics currently being taught in the applicant's curriculum. The field trip site must be in Illinois.

Funding

Eligible costs include transportation and compensation for substitute teachers for those teachers who are participating in the field trip. Admission fees and program fees directly related to the field trip will be considered only if ample funds are available. There is a \$500 limit per teacher. Multiple teachers within the same school can collaborate on a field trip. The collaborating teachers must attend the same field trip on the same day. Priority is given to single-day, outdoor field trips. The number of grants awarded is based on available funding. One grant distribution period is held per year. Applications must be postmarked by January 31.

Time Line

The field trip must occur before December 31 of the calendar year in which the grant is awarded. More information will be provided to grant award winners.

Visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/GrantsIBFTG.aspx> for the complete instructions and the application form.

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