



Eligible Applicants

Teachers, nature center personnel and adults who are youth group leaders (grades prekindergarten through 12) in Illinois may apply.

Purpose and Eligible Projects

Projects must emphasize student/youth involvement with planning, development and maintenance and increase the educational and wildlife habitat values of the site. The applicant must be prepared to maintain the project for at least five years. The project must be implemented on school grounds or another public place (for example, a park or nature center/forest preserve district land). Plans that include vegetation should use native species. Habitat projects may include, but not be limited to, the following activities: enhance or establish and maintain a schoolyard prairie plot, butterfly garden, rain garden, wetland, native tree arboretum, nesting platform or watering station; design and build a bird feeder or feeding station; or construct and install bat roosting boxes.

Project Time Line

The project must be completed before November 30 of the calendar year in which the grant is awarded. More information will be provided to grant award winners.

Funding and Payment

The maximum annual award is \$1,000 per applicant. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis.

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

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