

Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

Grant Application Guidelines

The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

As part of an ongoing effort to fulfill that mission, Florida Nature Coast Chapter of the FNPS is offering grants of up to \$500 per approved project. Projects must be within Pasco County and meet the above objective of the FNPS mission statement.

Please read all instructions before completing the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Completed applications will become the property of the Nature Coast Chapter of the FNPS and no part will be returned to the applicant.

Applications:

Applications should be typed in a 12 point font or neatly printed, have 1" margins, and be single spaced. Applications will be accepted by mail or e-mail.

Eligible Applicants:

Teachers, park or preserve staff or volunteers, youth group leaders, or any interested party may apply. Previous grant recipients are also eligible to apply.

Eligible Projects: Projects must be implemented on school grounds or other public places, such as parks or public right-of-ways.

Projects must demonstrate one or more of the following:

- The value of native plants for wildlife.
- The threat of non-native, invasive plants.
- The increased value of the site for the environment.
- The value of native plant landscapes in preserving biodiversity.

Projects may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Establishing or enhancing a schoolyard butterfly garden or other schoolyard habitat.
- Establishing or enhancing a demonstration garden.
- Wetland or upland restoration.
- Kiosks & signage.

Eligible Costs:

Funding requests should focus on items such as plants, seeds, mulch, and/or materials needed to build signs or kiosks, and /or materials needed for habitat enhancement, such as bird boxes or micro irrigation. The cost of books and reference materials is also eligible, provided they remain in public hands.

Ineligible Costs:

The cost of labor or tools is not eligible.

Funding and Payment:

The maximum award amount is \$500 per applicant. Successful applicants are eligible to apply for additional funding.

Publicity:

Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge the funding sources in any project publicity.

Application Deadline:

Applications need to be submitted by the 15th of the month for consideration by the Grants' Committee in the following month.

Notification of Decision:

Applications received by the 15th of the month be notified within 60 days whether or not funding will be received.

Submit Completed Applications by mail or e-mail to:

Nature Coast Chapter of the FNPS
PO Box 622
Aripeka, FL 34679

naturecoastfnps@gmail.com

**NATURE COAST CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: _____

Organization or Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Other Participating Organizations: _____

Amount of Request: \$ _____ (maximum \$500)

Have you applied to any other organizations to receive grant funds for this project? (Yes/NO)

If yes, please provide organization(s) name, amount requested, and status.
(awarded/declined/pending). _____

Is this a new project? Yes No

Is this an enhancement of an existing project? Yes No

Project Timeline: Proposed Start Date: _____

Proposed Completion Date: _____

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Attach a page to this application with the following information:

1. Project Narrative

Type of project.

Project location or target audience.

Project goals and objectives.

How does this project meet the FNPS mission statement?*

Who will be responsible for future maintenance/upkeep of this project, if required?

If applicable, attach a rough diagram of the project as it will appear after completion, and also if applicable, a photo of the site as it currently exists.

Budget: Attach a proposed budget indicating expenses for the project. If awarded a grant, I agree to submit an expense accounting within a month of project completion, including copies of receipts for expenses. Any funds not expended for this project will be returned within 1 year of receipt of grant funding in the form of a check made payable to the Nature Coast Chapter of FNPS.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

If applicable, complete the following section. An "official" is someone with authority over the property where the project will be located, 1.e., School Principal, Park Manager.

I have reviewed the completed application and support this project.

Signature of Official: _____ Date: _____

Title of Official: _____

Printed Name of Official: _____

*Mission statement: The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) is the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

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