

## **Wildflower Garden Club Grants Program 2015 application deadline February 10, 2015**

The Wildflower Garden Club has updated its scholarship program to offer a variety of grant opportunities. The goal of this 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, Plant Pathology and/or allied subjects

The amount available per year is \$2000.00. It can be requested in its entirety or in part. The smallest requests considered will be \$200.00. The number of awards will vary each year dependent upon the amount of money requested. For example, if we agreed to fund a single grant for \$2000.00 we would only fund one grant that year. If we received several smaller requests, we could fund more than one request.

Applicants should indicate whether partial funding of their proposal would be helpful if full funding is not possible. Individuals who only receive partial funding would be eligible to apply again the following year for the remaining funds.

**Grant:** Individuals and Non-profit entities engaged in mission-related work in the fields of botany, horticulture, agriculture, forestry, landscape design, plant pathology, floriculture, or allied subject may apply for grant funding for scientific, research, design, or development projects. Organizations that apply must have 501 (c)(3) status as a non-profit recognized by the IRS and 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 hosted by the entity for University students engaged in the fields of study listed above.
- Research projects, preferably relating to Alaska's native plants, Alaskan horticulture, agriculture, or forestry
- 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)

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Items, which will not be funded:

- Recurring projects already in progress
- General operating support for ongoing maintenance, payroll, etc.
- Administrative expenses (accounting, insurance, overhead, etc.)
- Activities not related to the specific mission of the applicant organization

Sample projects:

- Girl Scout troop planning a wildflower garden for Potter Marsh
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher wanting to do a unit on botany in his/her classroom
- Plant signage at the botanical garden
- Eagle scout projects relating to botany
- Support for specific student research at the University
- Funds for a botanical internship

Applications should be made to the Wildflower Garden Club. The Body of the application should include:

1. A detailed description of the project (not to exceed 3 typed pages).
2. Where the project will be done.
3. A timeline for completing the project.
4. Identification of who will complete the work.
5. A separate page should detail the budget, i.e. how the money will be spent. If the project has funding from other sources, this should be fully described in the budget request.
6. If the project involves public or private lands, letters of permission should be included. In addition the application should include a brief resume of the individual requesting the funds.

A summary report to the Wildflower Garden Club describing how the project fared is expected within one calendar year from the receipt of the award.

### **Application deadline:**

The application deadline is **February 10, 2015**. Monies must be used within one calendar year of date of the award. Applicants will be notified by **March 10, 2015**.

Mail to: Wildflower Garden Club  
PO Box 240563

Attn: Grants Committee  
Anchorage AK 99524-0563

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**Evaluation:** Each application will be evaluated by five (5) members of the grants committee. Applications will be judged on feasibility, value to botanical education and/or contribution to beautification.

**Tax Reporting:**

Grant recipients will be asked to complete Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number prior to disbursement of the funds.

Each recipient of a grant of \$600.00 or more will be issued a Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, as required by Internal Revenue Service guidelines. Recipients should consult their tax advisors regarding reporting the grant and the tax consequences of receiving the grant.