



Schoolyard Habitats/Pollinator Garden 2011 Grant Application

National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats® Program provides materials for educators and school communities interested in creating or restoring wildlife habitat on their school grounds. The 2011 Grant Program sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the Captain Planet Foundation provides funds for schools to help start or refurbish their Schoolyard Habitats® with a special focus on pollinator gardens. In 2011, we are able to offer mini-grants (up to \$500.00) to schools in Metropolitan Atlanta.

Eligibility:

1. This grant is available to any public Elementary, Middle School/Junior High, and High Schools with an emphasis on Title I schools.
2. You must plan to use the Schoolyard Habitats® site for educational purposes.
3. If your schoolyard is not already a Certified Wildlife Habitat, you agree to certify your Schoolyard Habitats® site with the National Wildlife Federation within three months of the completion of your garden (Your site need not be mature, but you must fill the minimum requirements for certification. See the attached application for certification.).
4. You must complete all sections of the grant application.
5. A one-to-one dollar match must be provided for all grant funds awarded. The match can include cash and in-kind donations as well as volunteer labor to install your pollinator garden.

Requirements:

We look for thoughtful, well-planned projects that include a high degree of student involvement in the implementation and use of the Schoolyard Habitats® site. Past grant winners also demonstrated a high level of community involvement in their project plans, and had goals that align with those of the Schoolyard Habitats® program (see www.nwf.org/schoolyard to learn more). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all grant funds are expended. Applicants will receive notification of awards within two weeks of receipt of the application.

Please contact Na'Taki Osborne Jelks with any questions: osborne@nwf.org, (404) 876-8733 ext. 230.

How to Apply:

To apply, please send your completed application to:

Na'Taki Osborne Jelks
National Wildlife Federation
730 Peachtree Street NE
Suite 1000
Atlanta, GA 30308

You may also email your application to osborne@nwf.org. All e-mailed applications should be PDF files with all required signatures.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your application.

**SCHOOLYARD HABITATS®/POLLINATOR GARDENS
2011 GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

School Name: _____

School District: _____

Principal or Director: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Title: _____

Contact Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact E-mail: _____

School Address: _____

School County: _____

School Phone: _____

School Web Site: _____

Grade Levels (i.e., K-12): _____

Number of Students: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. Have you applied for a NWF mini-grant before? If so, when?

2. Have you been awarded a NWF mini-grant before? If so, when?

3. Have you applied for and/or received other grants or donations from other organizations for this project or a similar project? If yes, please explain.

4. Please describe your school's setting (urban, suburban, or rural).

5. Are you applying on behalf of a public school?

6. Which of the following populations will be involved in your Schoolyard Habitats® project? (Answer is optional and will not be used in determining grant winners.)

Latino/Hispanic _____%
African American _____%
Native American _____%
Asian _____%
European American _____%
Other _____%

7. Which grade levels will be involved in your Schoolyard Habitats® project?

8. How did you learn about the Schoolyard Habitats® Program?

9. Is your schoolyard already a NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat? If so, what is your habitat number?

10. Have you already obtained permission from the school administration to use the land or part of your school grounds on which you will conduct your Schoolyard Habitats® work? Please describe required approvals and from whom they need to be obtained. If any permits are required, have you already obtained them?

11. What materials (seeds, curricula, tools, materials, etc.) do you already have that will help you in your Schoolyard Habitats® work?

12. Describe the overall goals of your Schoolyard Habitats® project. What are the needs, issues, or problems that you are seeking to address? What are the intended educational uses and goals? (Be specific).

13. Describe the type of Schoolyard Habitats® project you intend to create or restore. (Is it/will it be a wetland, courtyard butterfly garden, pond, meadow area, habitat restoration, nature trail, native plant xeriscape, other?)

14. State the size (in square feet or acres) of your **Schoolyard Habitats® project area** (NOT the size of the entire school grounds).

15. What work has already been accomplished in terms of planning, gaining support for, or otherwise working on your Schoolyard Habitats® project?

16. How do you plan to involve students in the Schoolyard Habitats® project?

17. How do you plan to involve members of your community in this project?

18. If awarded the grant money, how do you plan to spend it (what is your budget?)?

19. How do you plan to provide your one-to-one match for the grant funds you are requesting? Please be specific in listing volunteer commitment (total # of volunteers, # of hours volunteers will dedicate to project, extent and source of in-kind donations and cash contributions, etc.).

20. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your project?

Please outline your project plan:

Spring 2011: _____

Summer 2011: _____

Fall 2011: _____

Winter 2012: _____

Spring 2012: _____

Beyond: _____

We, the undersigned, agree that if we receive a NWF/U.S. Forest Service/Captain Planet Schoolyard Habitats® grant, we will certify our habitat with the National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats® Program within three months of the garden completion. We understand that if we do not meet this requirement we may be asked to return grant money to NWF. To the best of our knowledge, all information provided above is complete and correct.

School Principal or Director Name

Title

School Principal or Director Signature

Date

Schoolyard Habitats® Project Leader Name

Title

Schoolyard Habitats® Project Leader Signature

Date

School Facilities/Maintenance Manager Name

Title

School Facilities/Maintenance Manager Name

Date