



Schoolyard Habitat Grant Application

Up to \$1000 to Improve Your School

Habitat Grant Program Partners

Colorado Division of Wildlife • Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation
Colorado State Forest Service

Up to \$1000 Grants Are Available to Projects WILD, WET and Learning Tree Trained Teachers

Schoolyard Habitat Grants provide teachers and their students the opportunity to utilize strategic thinking/planning skills, apply math and science knowledge, work as a team and create a unique habitat on school grounds. As an added benefit, students have fun and get excited about their environment. These grants make it possible for you to let student imaginations run wild in the outdoors while making a difference in your community for people and wildlife.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife and Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation make funding available for these wildlife habitat improvement projects. Since 1987, more than 250 Colorado Elementary, Middle and High schools have received Schoolyard Habitat Grants totaling more than \$150,000.

Grants range from \$250-\$1000 and are awarded by a committee of habitat project partners. Applications are scored for merit based on the criteria listed below.



How to Apply

STEP 1- Take a Project WILD, Project WET, TEN or Project Learning Tree workshop.

Visit <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/TeacherResources> for a list of workshops in your area.

STEP 2- Develop the project with your students

- For project ideas visit the Schoolyard Habitats Page at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/TeacherResources>
- **Grants are awarded based on:**
 - Conciseness and clarity
 - Student involvement in project planning and implementation
 - Benefit to wildlife by using native plants and landscaping
 - Benefit to students in understanding the needs of wildlife in their area
 - Correlation of project to in-class curricula
 - Reasonable budget

STEP 3- Apply for the grant

- Fulfill the requirements on the application form including responses to all questions.
- E-mail or mail completed grant application to your Regional Education Coordinator before March 1st.

STEP 4- If selected, submit an end-of-project report and photos by December 31st of your grant year.

- Grant reporting forms will be sent to all grantees.
- The report must include a summary of your project, photos of the project and a short evaluation about the grant application process.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation reserve the right to audit the use of grant monies.

APPLICATION DEADLINE is March 1st.

If your application is received after March 1st, it will be held for consideration during the following grant period.
You will be notified of the committee's decision by April 1st.

See reverse side for grant application.

Schoolyard Habitat Grant Application Form

Submit the following information and signatures along with your narrative answering the questions below.

Date of Application: _____ Main Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

School Name: _____ District: _____

School Phone: _____ School Web site: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Name of Teacher (if not Main Contact): _____ Grade(s): _____

Date and location of last WILD, PLT or WET Workshop: _____

If someone on your team has not taken one of these workshops, you are not eligible for this grant.

School Principal Name

School Principal Signature

**Regional Education Coordinator
Colorado Division of Wildlife**

Leave this blank. Your Coordinator will sign here after they have received and reviewed the application.

Submit a brief narrative to these Questions (.pdf or Word document, no more than 6 pages total):

1. Clearly describe your project. Include drawings, diagrams, maps, and a list of plants and materials.
2. Submit a digital "before" photograph of the intended project area. Describe why you selected this site.
3. In what way will your project benefit wildlife?
4. What will your students gain from participating in this project?
5. Describe how your students will be involved in the planning, implementation and maintenance.
6. Describe how this project will be incorporated into your curriculum.
7. What are the long term plans for this project? Will it continue to be a part of your curriculum?
8. Provide a detailed budget including grant money (maximum \$1,000) and other in-kind contributions.

E-mail or mail application packet to your local Colorado Division of Wildlife Regional Education Coordinator:

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Don't know who to send the application to?

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