



Native Plant Grant Application

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The LowCountry Institute of the Spring Island Trust is making grants of native plants available to schools and nature education centers. The purpose of this grant program is to increase habitat available for native wildlife such as birds and insects, restore habitat to native vegetation, and create outdoor learning spaces for K-12/higher ed students and adults. Your project application should reflect these goals. When describing your project, be sure to include the soil conditions (moist, dry, sandy, etc.) and light availability (full sun, partial sun/shade, full shade) of the planting site. Plants will be donated *based on availability after the fall/spring public plant sales and site conditions*.

Who is eligible?

- Any school with Master Naturalist teachers/volunteers. At least 1 applying teacher/volunteer from the school should be a graduate of or enrolled in the Master Naturalist program.
- Informal education centers that have nature education programs led by Master Naturalist staff or Master Naturalist volunteers.

Special consideration given to

- First time grant applicants
- Teams of Master Naturalist teachers

Fall application deadline: Oct. 15 (plants available mid November)

Spring application deadline: Apr. 1 (plants available late April)

Submit a 1 page summary of your project (electronically) including the following items:

1. The project contact person's name, email address, and phone number.
2. A brief description of your planting "plan." (Who will be involved in planning the garden and installation of the plants? What will the purpose of your garden be? Where will you plant it – what are the soil conditions/light availability? What size area will you be planting? When will you install the garden?)
3. How you plan to maintain the garden.
4. How you plan to use the garden as a teaching tool and the benefits students/visitors will receive.
5. Under separate email cover, have the principal of your school or director of your facility submit a statement of support for the project.

Submit your application and statement of support to Karl Ohlandt, SIT landscape ecologist and Native Plant Project director at kohlandt@springislandtrust.org. If your school is selected, you will be notified via email by Nov. 5 in the fall/Apr. 20 in the spring.