

# State and National Grants Supporting School Gardens



## Alabama-Based School Garden Grants

### Alabama RC&D Council Grants

<i>Basic Application</i>	Mini-Grants	\$250 - \$	2,500.00
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The Resource Conservation and Development Program helps people protect and develop their economic, natural, and social resources in ways that improve their area's economy, environment, and quality of life. There are 9 RC&D Councils across Alabama, and many provide funding for conservation education projects such as outdoor classroom development.

Deadlines: March & July

Website: [http://www.alabamawildlife.org/uploadedFiles/RC&D Council Areas - Grants\(1\).pdf](http://www.alabamawildlife.org/uploadedFiles/RC&D_Council_Areas_-_Grants(1).pdf)

### Legacy Grants

<i>Basic Application</i>	Mini Grants	\$	2,500.00
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Legacy funds environmental education annually through the Environmental Education Grant Program. Funds for this program may be used towards outdoor classrooms or outside, environmental projects.

Deadline: September

Website: [http://legacyenvd.org/?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=55](http://legacyenvd.org/?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=55)

<i>Basic Application</i>	Competitive Grants	Up to \$	10,000.00
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### Birmingham Audubon Society

<i>Basic Application</i>	Mini-Grants	Up to \$	1,000.00
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Open to schools in: Jefferson, Shelby, Bibb, Blount, Chilton, St. Clair, Walker, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, Auburn-Opelika, Anniston, Dothan

The Birmingham Audubon Society (BAS) offers mini-grants up to \$1,000 to support conservation education in the Birmingham area. Funds may be used to cover expenses for field trips, student transportation, classroom speakers, and projects such as school wildlife and butterfly gardens, bird feeding stations, and outdoor classrooms.

Deadline: June

Website: <http://birminghamaudubon.org/grantsscholarships/mini-grants-program/>

### Alabama Power Foundation Grant Program

<i>Comprehensive Application</i>	Brighter Minds - Outdoor Classroom Grants	Up to \$	7,500.00
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These grants help schools build classrooms so students can participate in outdoor learning. Students to Stewards awards two types of grants on a rotating annual basis. In early 2018, applications will be accepted for outdoor classroom grants, which will be awarded in spring 2018.

Website: <http://powerofgood.com/brighter-minds/#power>

## HAT STEDTRAIN

*Comprehensive Application*

Science & Technology Seed Grants  
Counties Available: Jackson, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, and Limestone

Type I \$250-\$1000  
Type II \$1,500-2,500

STEDTRAIN is a Committee of the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies (HATS) that administers a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Seed Grant program that provides funding up to \$1,000 to an educator for innovative hands-on classroom projects that will stimulate children's interest in science and technology.

Deadline: April 1st  
Website: <http://stedtrain.org/>

## Alabama Wildlife Federation

*Comprehensive Application*

Outdoor Classroom Grant Program

Up to \$ 1,000.00

The Alabama Wildlife Federation's (AWF) Outdoor Classroom (OC) Grant Program is to provide financial assistance and faculty support to schools who wish to create effective outdoor classroom sites on their school grounds for hands-on learning opportunities. Grants are only available for schools enrolled in the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program.

Deadline: March 10th  
Website: <https://www.alabamawildlife.org/grant-opportunities/>

## The Dekko Foundation

Child Development

Counties Available: Limestone

The Dekko Foundation will consider grant proposals from public and private schools from Limestone County in Alabama. The Foundation focuses its grants on programs that prepare students for life and work; create an awareness of a child's natural curiosity; and utilize curriculum that is cooperative, interdisciplinary, and integrated with technology.

Website: <http://www.dekkofoundation.org/how-to-apply/>

## National Grants Supporting School Gardens

### Bonnie's Plants

*Basic Application*

3rd Grade Cabbage Program

\$ 1,000.00

The 3rd Grade Cabbage Program is FREE to all 3rd graders. In spring, students will receive plants that produce "oversized" cabbages — they can reach more than forty pounds and bigger! Teachers choose a class winner and submit a nomination form to Bonnie Plant Farm. One lucky third grader in each state will win a \$1000 scholarship. Once you enroll the class in the program, Bonnie Plant Farm will contact you and deliver the number of plants you request.

Deadline: February  
Website: <http://bonniecabbageprogram.com/>

## National Ag in the Classroom

CHS Classroom Grants

Up to \$ 500.00

U.S. teachers in K-12th grade who have projects that will use agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, science, social studies and more are eligible for 15 \$500 CHS Classroom Grants. The grants can be used for plant or animal science projects such as school gardens or embryology projects, for example. The grants are being made available thanks to funding from the CHS Foundation, Inc., which is a national farmer cooperative.

Deadline: September  
Website: [http://agclassroom.org/teacher/grant\\_chs.htm](http://agclassroom.org/teacher/grant_chs.htm)

## Lowes Toolbox for Education

High Application  
Volume

Small Toolbox for Education Grant

Up to \$ 5,000.00

This year LCEF is seeking ways to provide the tools to help educators and parent groups through educational challenges by providing the greatest impact, with basic necessities being the priority.

Deadline: Quarterly  
Website: <http://toolboxforeducation.com/>

## Annie's Grants for Gardens

Grants for Gardens

Funding to build and support a school garden. Grants go towards connecting students back to their food. Apply and tell more about your school, students, and vision for a healthy food future.

Deadline: December  
Website: <http://www.annies.com/doing-more/grants-for-gardens>

## Whole Kids Foundation

Extended Learning Gardens Grant

\$ 2,000.00

At Whole Kids Foundation we know that the more kids know and feel connected to their food, the more curious they become about how things grow or taste, and the more willing they are to try new foods. This is why we believe in edible garden learning spaces!

Deadline: October  
Website: <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/landing-pages/extended-learning-garden-grant-landing>

## Potential School Garden Fundraising Sources

1. Local County Commissioners
2. Parent-Teacher Associations
3. County Alabama Cooperative Extension Offices
4. Local Churches
5. Local Garden Centers
6. Master Gardener Organizations
7. Local Soil & Water Conservation Offices

## Fundraising Ideas

1. Partner with a local farmer and buy their produce at wholesale and sell it at retail price as a fundraising event.