

Grants 4 Native Plants - Information

Goals:

- To improve recognition and appreciation of Tennessee native plants, which hopefully will lead to better conservation of our natives,
- To supply native pollinators with food for both larval and adult stages of development,
- To educate the public on the benefits of diverse native plants supporting a variety of native pollinators and wildlife,
- To provide schools with native habitat created and/or improved by students.

Application criteria:

- Must be a public or private school or home-school association in Tennessee.
- Must be willing to use the *Symbiotic Schoolyard* or similar hands-on student curriculum.
- May apply for a grant annually.

Schools receiving grants from TNPS will be provided:

- Up to \$500 for native plants and supplies
- One *Wildflowers of Tennessee* book and one *Woody Plants of Kentucky and Tennessee* book for reference
- A mentor to assist in decisions regarding site selection, plant choices, planting techniques, maintenance needs and possibilities for future planting projects

Timeline:

- Grant Application deadline: **June 30, 2024**
- Notification of grants awarded, and mentor provided by: **August 1, 2024**
- Action Plan due: **September 1, 2024**
- Grant check and books will be delivered shortly after the Action Plan is received.
- Provide TNPS with before and after photos, student written article, and extended maintenance plan by **May 1, 2025**

Communications:

Please send Grant Application and Action Plan via email to TNPS at grants@tnps.org.