

The 2018 Youth Garden Grant is an award designed to support school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. Any nonprofit organization, public or private school, or youth program in the United States planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of 3 and 18 is eligible to apply.

**Applications are due December 8, 2017.** Winners will be announced and notified on January 12, 2018. Award packages will be mailed in February 2018.

The following questions are included in the KidsGardening 2018 Youth Garden Grant application. We strongly advise saving the questions into a Word document and copying and pasting your answers into the application.

## **Contact Information**

- 1. Primary Contact
- 2. Primary Contact Title
- 3. School/Organization Name
- 4. Email Address
- 5. Phone
- 6. Garden Program Name
- 7. Location Name (Official name of school or facility applying for award, e.g. "Washington Elementary School," "Fairview Botanical Garden.")
- 8. Shipping Address (Please provide one physical address. Award package will ship to this address. No P.O. boxes please.)
- 9. City
- 10. State
- 11. Zip Code
- 12. Daytime Phone Number (Please list a phone number that corresponds with the shipping address.)

## **Program Background Information**

- 13. Has the program received a Youth Garden Grant before?
- 14. If you are a previous YGG winner, what year did you receive your award?

15. Which of the following best describes your organization? (Check all that apply.)

Public School Nonprofit Agency YMCA

Private School Community Garden Boys and Girls Club

Charter School Garden Club Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts

Other

16. How many youth from each age group will participate directly in the garden program?

PreK (Age 2-5)

Kindergarten-3rd grade

4th-6th grade

7th-8th grade

9th-12th grade

Adults (18+)

- 17. What percentage of direct participants are eligible for free/reduced cost lunch programs?
- 18. How many hours per week on average will participating youth be involved in gardening activities?
- 19. How many months of the year will you b gardening?
- 20. If chosen as a winner for the 2017 Youth Garden Grant, I agree to submit a year end report with a program summary and pictures.

## **Garden Program Description**

- 21. Is your garden already established or are you just getting started?
- 22. Program Overview: Provide a concise overview of your garden program. List the goals of your program, describe the youth who will participate and how they will be engaged in the garden, and share innovative aspects of your program. If you are proposing a new garden program, detail the planning that has been done to date toward implementing your program and if a school, how you plan to integrate the garden into your curriculum. If you have an established garden program, please describe the benefits children have derived from their experiences. If you are a new program, please describe the benefits you hope to achieve. (Limit 500 words)
- 23. Leadership: List the individuals on your program's leadership team and describe each leader's experience in gardening with kids and how they are involved in your program. (Limit 250 words)
- 24. Garden Description. Briefly describe the design, or planned design, of the garden that is established or that you intend to create. Include the size of the garden and the work that has been done to date to implement your plans. (Limit 500 words)
- 25. How will the materials offered by the Youth Garden Grant complement your garden? (Limit 250 words)
- 26. List community members, organizations, and businesses that actively support your garden program. (Limit 250 words)
- 27. Sustainability: How do you plan to sustain your program in the future (e.g., ensure ongoing maintenance and leadership; build partnerships; find sources and/or funds for plant materials, services, tools, etc.)? If

your program takes a break during summer months, what do you plan to do with your garden? (Limit 250 words)

## **Attachments**

- 28. Supporting Photos: Please attach at least 2 photos to help us better understand your program, participants, and garden site. There is 1024KB limit on each photo file. Photos should be uploaded in .jpg, .pdf, or .png format. (Limit 5 files)
- 29. Please attach a scanned map of your garden site that includes: 1) location and dimensions of gardens and/or raised beds, and 2) location of walkways, roads, buildings, garden structures, and natural features. There is 1024KB limit on each photo file. Photos should be uploaded in .jpg, .pdf, or .png format. (Limit 1 file)

