

2023 Budding Botanist Grant Application

Please note: Do not submit this document to KidsGardening. Instead, it is to help programs prepare your application responses ahead of time before you complete the online application. Simply copy and paste your answers from this document into the online form.

For full details, eligibility information, and the link to the online form, visit our website at kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/budding-botanist-23/.

Eligibility Questions

- Is your organization a public, private, or charter school?
 - Yes
 - No
- Does your school have a free and reduced lunch rate (or another food insecurity rate) equal to or greater than 40%?
 - Yes
 - No
- Will fifteen or more youth in any grade, K-12, participate in your garden program?
 - Yes
 - No
- If chosen as a winner, will your school use the funds and implement programming by the end of the 2022-2023 school year?
 - Yes
 - No
- If chosen as a winner, is your school willing to have your story shared digitally and on social media through images and video?
 - Yes
 - No
- If chosen as a winner, does your school agree to submit a short video documenting your project progress to KidsGardening, Klorane, and the Klorane Botanical Foundation in the spring of 2023?
 - Yes
 - No
- If chosen as a winner, do you agree to submit a year-end report by June 2023, with a project summary, photos, and parental photo release forms for any recognizable youth featured in images?
 - Yes
 - No

If you answered no to any of the questions, you are not eligible to apply for the Budding Botanist Grant. For details on eligibility, please review our grant landing page.

Contact Information

- Grant Applicant First Name:
- Grant Applicant Last Name:
- Grant Applicant Job Title:
- Grant Applicant Email Address:
- Confirm Grant Application Email Address:
- Grant Applicant Phone Number:
- Organization Name:
- Garden Program Name:
- Location Name: *Note: Location of the garden by the official name of the school or facility to receive the award (e.g. "Washington Elementary School," "Fairview Botanical Garden"):*
- Address:
- City:
- State or Territory:
- Zip Code:

Program Background Information

- Has your program applied for a Budding Botanist Grant before?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Unknown
- Has your program received a grant from KidsGardening before?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Unknown
- If yes, your program has received a grant from KidsGardening, what grant(s) and what year(s)?
- Which of the following best describes your organization?
 - Public School
 - Private School
 - Charter School
- How many youth from each age group will participate directly in the garden program? Enter "0" if you do not anticipate any youth in the age category. *Note: The number of youth must be equal to or greater than 15 to be eligible. Applicants should be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested.*

- Ages 5-10 (Elementary School)
- Ages 11-13 (Middle/Junior High School)
- Ages 14-18 (High School)
- What are the identities of the youth in your program? Indicate approximately using a percentage.
 - Children of Migrant Worker Families %
 - Children of Refugee Families %
 - Children of Undocumented Families %
 - Youth who Speak Multiple Languages %
 - Justice-involved Youth %
 - LGBTQ+ Youth %
 - Native American, Hawaiian, or Indigenous Youth %
 - Youth of Color %
 - Youth Experiencing Homelessness %
 - Youth in Foster Care %
 - Youth with Disabilities %
 - N/A
- Do the youth who participate directly in the garden program experience food insecurity? Indicate approximately using a percentage. *Note: The % must be equal to or greater than 40% to be eligible. Applicants should be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested.*
 - School's Free/Reduced Cost Lunch %
 - Youth from Low Income or Economically Disadvantaged Families %
- What needs and challenges does your community have? These should be outside of any garden needs and may include but are not limited to financial, environmental issues, safety concerns, health challenges, community support, or regulatory hurdles. (100-250 words)

Garden Program Description

1. Do you have an established garden program (i.e., you have a pre-existing garden or have previously conducted garden programming at your site) or are you just getting started (i.e. you do not have an active garden or garden program at your site)?
 - Established Garden Program
 - New/Start-up Garden Program
 - a. If you have an established garden, please describe your current garden space, such as dimensions of garden beds, garden features, walkways, learning spaces, accessibility, etc. (100-250 words)
2. How many months of the year will youth be involved in your garden program (planning, activities, classes, meetings, programming, etc.)?
3. What are your garden program's mission and educational goals? (100-250 words)
4. How will youth participate in the garden? How often will they visit, and in what format (club, class, etc.)? (50-100 words)
5. What will the youth learn about environmental sustainability and biodiversity? How will

they share and promote their learning with the community? (100-250 words)

6. How do you plan to create your new garden or improve your existing garden? Please provide details about your plans and the layout of the garden, such as dimensions of garden beds, garden features, walkways, learning spaces, accessibility, etc. (100-250 words)
7. What plants will you grow? How do those choices relate to teaching students about biodiversity and sustainability? (50-100 words)
8. How will you use the grant funds? Please provide an itemized budget of how you will utilize the \$1,000 funding. If your project requires more funding, how will you secure the additional funds? (50-100 words)
9. One winner will be selected to host a small garden celebration with the help of KidsGardening, Klorane, and the Klorane Botanical Foundation in either May or June of 2023. The school will receive an additional \$500 in funding, bringing the award amount to \$1,500. Would you like to be considered for this opportunity? **Answers will not play a role in the grant application evaluation nor influence winner selection.**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
10. What funding and/or grants has your program received within the last two years? List the amount and year the funding was received. (50-100 words)
11. Who is on your garden program's leadership team? List the individuals and the experience (i.e, lived experience, professional, horticultural, etc.) each leader contributes to your garden program. (100-250 words)
12. How does the community support your garden program (e.g. volunteers, donations, partnerships, etc.)? (100-250 words)
13. What is the maintenance plan for your garden? How will you maintain the garden in the fall, winter, spring, and summer? (100-250 words)
14. How will you sustain your garden program? (100-250 words)

Attachments

- **Photos (Required).** Please attach 2-5 photos to help us understand your garden site and the garden program. If you have trouble uploading photos, you may email them to grants@kidsgardening.org.
- **Map (Optional).** Please attach a map of your garden site that includes dimensions.
- **Letter of Support (Optional).** Please attach a one-page letter of support for your program written by someone other than the main contact. This letter can be written by an administrator, parent, or community volunteer demonstrating their support of and appreciation for your program.

Grant Applicant Demographic Information (Optional)

We are collecting demographic information as part of an effort to ensure our grant application process is equitable. **Answers will not play a role in the grant application evaluation nor influence winner selection.**

- I identify as... (Select all that apply)
 - African American or Black
 - Asian or Asian American
 - Hispanic, Latine/LatinX, or Spanish Origin
 - Middle Eastern or North African
 - Native American or Alaska Native
 - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - White
 - Not listed here or prefer to self-describe: _____
 - Prefer not to answer