



Hill Country Bloomers Garden Club

EDUCATIONAL GARDEN GRANT INSTRUCTIONS

Applications will be accepted until December 31

Youth Grants up to \$750 will be awarded per chosen applicants. You will be notified within 30 days of your application.

Please submit applications to hillcountrybloomers@gmail.com. Post email subject as (School Name) Garden Grant Application.

Or mail to: Debbie Bishop

2602 Stenson Dr.

Cedar Park, TX 78613

Hill Country Bloomers provides grant monies and other resources to those within LISD boundaries who provide hands-on learning projects for children and youth ages 5 to 18. The project should support our Youth Grant Purpose.

Youth Grant Purpose: To encourage and support an understanding of plants, insects, and birds in our natural world and to nurture environmental stewardship and conservation. Funding is intended for both new and expanded programs to benefit children and youth. The goal of the program is to provide youth with hands-on learning about gardening and enhance their appreciation for nature.

The hands-on learning project need not fulfill all parts of the Youth Grant Purpose. It can focus on growing plants in the ground or containers, vegetable gardens, native pollinator gardens, environmental stewardship, conservation, or a combination of the above.

- To be eligible, the applicant must be a teacher or administrator of any PK-12 school, either public or private in the LISD district area. Parent Teacher Associations or other organizations may apply when the project will directly engage students.
- Applicants are encouraged to include pictures of plans and the site if applicable and to include a timeline for implementation and completion.
- Grant funding must be used within the calendar year of the application.
- Applicants must include a statement about how the HCB will be recognized for the grant award.
- A thank you letter sent to the members of the HCB Garden Club.
- Follow-up pictures of the completed project that HCB may use to promote our fundraisers the following year (if people are included in the images, please get permission waivers)
- Recognition in your organization's social media and/or related newsletter.
- Grants are not available to homeowners, community associations, political organizations, or individuals.
- Grants are not awarded for plan development or design, salaries, administrative costs, or other overhead.
- HCB will only accept one grant application per school per grant cycle. For example, an elementary school and a middle school from the same district can each apply, but two applications from the same elementary school cannot be submitted.
- ***Please be very thorough in your answers on the application. This will help the committee understand your vision, your plan, and your budget needs.***