GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ALABAMA OUTDOOR CLASSROOM SCHOOLS
For more detailed information, visit the websites listed below along with the Alabama Wildlife Federation’s website at www.alabamawildlife.org.

**American Honda Foundation**
Deadlines in February, May, and August
The American Honda Foundation Grant is available for projects that reflect the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, including imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. We support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment.
Grant amount: average grant range is $20,000 to $75,000
[https://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant](https://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant)

**Clif Bar Family Foundation**
Deadlines in February, June, and October
The Clif bar Family Foundation offers grants for general organizational support or to fund specific projects that protect the Earth, create a healthy food system, increase opportunities for outdoor activity, reduce environmental health hazards, and build stronger communities.
Grant amount: average is $7,000
[http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants](http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants)

**Toshiba America Foundation** (for Grades 6-12)
Deadlines in March, June, September, and December for grants up to $5,000
Deadlines in May and November for grants over $5,000
The Toshiba America Foundation encourages teacher-led, K-12 classroom-based programs, projects, and activities that have the potential to improve classroom experiences in science, mathematics, and technology. These specific grants are for grades 6-12.
Grant amount: up to $5,000 and over $5,000
[https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp](https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp)

**Alabama Wildlife Federation Outdoor Classroom Program**
Deadline in March
The purpose of 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 sustainable wildlife habitats and effective outdoor classroom sites on their school grounds for hands-on learning opportunities. The AWF OC Grants are only available for schools enrolled in the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program.
Grant amount: up to $1,000
[https://www.alabamawildlife.org/oc-grants/](https://www.alabamawildlife.org/oc-grants/)

**HATS STEDTRAIN**
Deadline in April
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 to educators for innovative hands-on classroom projects that will stimulate children’s interest in science and technology. Grants are available for K-12 Alabama schools in Jackson, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, and Limestone Counties.
Grant amount: up to $1,000
**Legacy**
Deadline in April
Legacy funds Education Grants annually to assist with helping to create environmentally responsible citizens through education. Any Alabama organization (including schools) planning a community based environmental program is encouraged to apply.
Grant amount: up to $2,500
https://legacyenved.org/legacy-grants/

**Birmingham Audubon**
Deadline in January
Birmingham Audubon Education MiniGrants provide financial support for educators and educational non-profits working to connect students with birds, their habitats, and the next generation of responsible stewardship.
Grant amount: up to $1,000
https://birminghamaudubon.org/minigrants/

**Tomberg Family Philanthropies**
Deadline in September
The Tomberg Family Philanthropies Grant funds projects in the areas of education, the environment, health, and poverty alleviation.
Grant amount: $5,000 - $15,000
https://www.tombergphilanthropies.org/about-our-grants/

**Papoose Conservation Wildlife Foundation**
Deadline in October
Papoose Conservation Wildlife Foundation grants are awarded to programs aimed at providing opportunities for children to explore Nature or expanding children’s appreciation of Nature.
Grant amount: up to $5,000
https://papoosewildlife.org/grant-applications/

**Toshiba America Foundation** (for Grades K-5)
Deadline in October
The Toshiba America Foundation encourages teacher-led, K-12 classroom-based programs, projects, and activities that have the potential to improve classroom experiences in science, mathematics, and technology. This specific grant is for grades K-5.
Grant amount: up to $1,000
https://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5.jsp

**Agriculture in the Classroom**
Deadline in October
The Alabama Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation Educational Grant makes grants available for classroom projects that integrate agriculture into curriculum areas during the school year.
Grant amount: $25-$500
https://www.alabamaaitc.org/app-mini-grant/
Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund
Deadline in October
The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund supports projects whose goals focus on developing an awareness for nature by growing native plants in a garden or landscape. Projects must be hands-on, emphasize involvement by students and volunteers in most phases of development, and increase the site’s educational value.
Grant amount: $150-$500 (for native plants and seeds)
https://wilddones.org/seeds-for-education/

State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Company
Deadline in October
State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Education Grant education funds initiatives that support academic performance improvement programs that impact K-12 students.
Grant amount: $5,000 or more
https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/community-involvement/community-grants/good-neighbor-citizenship-grants

Budding Botanist Grant
Deadline in October
The Klorane Botanical Foundation is committed to supporting programs to teach respect for the environment and protect nature through the preservation of plant species and biodiversity. Applicants for the Budding Botanist Grant must demonstrate that at least 40% of their student population would qualify for free or reduced-price meals, and must be planning a new or expanding an existing school garden program designed to teach students about environmental sustainability and the importance of biodiversity.
Grant amount: $1,200
https://kidsgardening.org/2021-budding-botanist-grant/

Carton 2 Garden Contest
Deadline in December
Tap into your students’ creativity by re-purposing milk and juice cartons to either build or enhance your school garden! Make carton planters, garden art, scarecrows, irrigation systems, and everything in between...the more creative, the better! The best use of cartons gives your schools the chance to win one of 15 prizes, with a grand prize valued at $5,000!
Grant amount: $5,000 value for one school, $2,000 value for four schools, $1,000 value for ten schools
https://carton2garden.com/contest-details/spring-2019-2020-contest/

Captain Planet Foundation
Deadlines in January and July
Captain Planet Foundation has developed four ecoSTEM Resource Kits (Earth, Pollination, Water, and Renewable Energy) which are perfect for educators getting started with project-based learning. These custom-curated and designed collections of lessons and materials facilitate ecoSTEM learning and using the environment as a context for applying knowledge. Resource Kits: Earth, Pollination, Water, and Renewable Energy
Grant amount: One kit
https://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/ecostem/
**National Weather Association Foundation**

**Deadline in May**
The NWAF’s Sol Hirsch Education Fund Grants are awarded annually to teachers/educators of grades K-12 to help improve the education of their students, their school, and/or their community in the science of meteorology.

**Grant Amount:** Up to $750
https://nwafoundation.org/scholarships-grants/sol-hirsch-education-fund-grants/

**Alabama RC&D Council Grants**

"RC&D" is short for Resource Conservation and Development, a unique process that 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 at area schools. Contact your local RC&D Council to see if they are currently accepting grant requests.

**Grant amount:** varies greatly from $250 to $2,500 or more
https://alabamarcd.org/find-your-rcd/

**Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program**

**Deadline varies based on location**
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.

**Grant amount:** A cabbage for each student, possible $1,000 scholarship
https://bonniecabbageprogram.com/participate/

**Costco Wholesale**

**Deadline: year-round**
Costco Wholesale’s Warehouse donation program is intended to meet the needs of organizations which are focused on children, education, or health and human services and serve a local neighborhood and organizations with a similar scope of service. Requests should be submitted 4-6 weeks before event.

**Grant amount:** $25-$50
https://www.costco.com/charitable-giving.html

**Seed Savers Exchange**

**Deadline: year-round**
The Herman’s Garden Seed Donation Program donates seeds to non-profit organizations in need.

**Grant amount:** variety of 50 seed packets
https://www.seed savers.org/seed-donation-program

**Georgia-Pacific**

**Deadline: year-round, but early submission in October is encouraged**
The Georgia-Pacific Foundation supports organizations that improve the quality of life in communities where Georgia-Pacific operates (must be within 30 miles of GP location). Grants are awarded for educational efforts, community enrichment, environmental programs, and entrepreneurship initiatives.

**Grant amount:** open
https://www.gp.com/community
Local Fundraising Opportunities & Support

- School System “Partners-in-Education” Businesses
- Parent-Teacher Associations or Organizations
- Local County Commissioners
- Local Garden Centers
- Plant Rescue Groups
- Local Soil & Water Conservation Offices
- Student-Lead Fundraiser
- Local Master Gardener Groups
- Local Churches

GRANT WRITING TIPS: TOP TEN LIST

1. **Know your audience** – Make sure your project’s goals match the goals of the grant you are applying for.

2. **Follow the guidelines listed** – Read and reread the guidelines provided, and follow them to the letter.

3. **Proof your application** – Have someone who is not involved in your project review your proposal to make sure that it makes sense and answers the questions appropriately.

4. **Honor deadlines** – Try to get your proposal completed and turned in ahead of the deadline to avoid any last minute complications.

5. **Keep it clear and concise** – Only answer the questions asked, and do not include any additional information or attachments if the grant application does not request it.

6. **Submit your reports** – Be sure to follow the guidelines and submit any and all follow-up reports on time.

7. **Passion must be evident** – If possible, be sure to convey how important your project is to your students, the school, and the community as a whole.

8. **Do not use a shotgun approach** – Stay focused and do not include any other projects in your proposal. Also, be sure to demonstrate how your specific project meets their grant program’s goals.

9. **It all starts with a good idea** – Before applying for grants, put your thoughts and ideas on paper using the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program’s Master Plan worksheet and Individual Project Plan worksheets.

10. **Be correct** – Do the necessary research before filling out any grant applications to ensure that you have a true picture of the scope and details of your project.