

ALDI- Smart Kids Program

ALDI provides funding from \$1,000-\$5,000 to teachers for projects focused on student health and wellness. They support projects focused on education, art, athletics and any other program that inspires kids to be active and healthy. Applications accepted Feb. 1 - Dec. 15th.

corporate.aldi.us/en/corporate-responsibility/aldi-smart-kids/

Association of American Educators Classroom Grants

AAE's Classroom grants (average amount of \$500) can be used for a variety of projects and materials, including but not limited to books, software, calculators, math manipulatives, art supplies, audiovisual equipment and lab materials. Classroom grants are available to all educators. Annual application deadlines are October 1 and March 1. For more information, visit

<http://www.aeteachers.org/index.php/member-benefits/scholarships-and-grants>.

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to promote and support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate the world through active, hands-on projects designed to improve the environment in their schools and communities. The foundation intends its grants to serve as catalysts for getting environment- based education into schools and inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship. Requests for funding less than \$500 will be given preference and occasionally grants of up to \$2,500 will be considered. Schools and organizations with operating budgets of less than \$3 million are eligible to apply. More information is available at the Captain Planet Foundation website:

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>.

Cliff Bar Family Foundation

Funding priorities include:

Protect Earth's beauty and bounty.

Create a robust, healthy food system.

Increase opportunities for outdoor activity.

Reduce environmental health hazards.

Build stronger communities.

Grants can be awarded for general organizational support or for special projects.

Deadlines: Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 1

cliffbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants

Connecting Youth to the Outdoors Grant Program

The National Environmental Education Foundation in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service seek to catalyze efforts to increase the number of pre-K-12 youth, particularly urban and/or underserved youth, who build a connection with public lands as places for recreating, learning and volunteering. Proposed projects should maximize hands-on outdoor engagement opportunities on public lands, focused on the areas of education, recreation and environmental stewardship. Multiple grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 are available to select applicants. Nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and tribal groups are eligible to apply. Please contact the National Environmental Education Foundation for more information and to apply for this funding: http://www.neefusa.org/grants/connecting_youth.

Disney Friends for Change Grants

Disney Friends for Change Grants offer young change-makers an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 grant to help make a lasting, positive change in the world. Disney, together with [Youth Service America \(YSA\)](#), is proud to offer Disney's Friends for Change Grants to help kids that are making environmentally friendly changes in their communities. Disney's Friends for Change is a program that encourages kids everywhere to take steps together with their friends to help the planet. The Friends for Change Grants fund kids' projects that help the environment and engage children ages 5-18 as leaders in their communities. For more information, visit <http://www.classroomearth.org/node/1500>.

EMPOWER Environmental Literacy Scholarship

The Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Program is committed to supporting the excellent work of teachers who instill an environmental ethic in their students through authentic, community-based learning experiences. Toward this goal, we are offering two **\$500** scholarships for teachers to be used for resources in the classroom and for field-based experiences that will enhance classroom instruction. Specifically, this scholarship is for planning and implementing a community-based stewardship project that addresses a local watershed issue. Emphasis on Great Lakes Literacy and Environmental Literacy is encouraged. http://www.iisgcp.org/education/topics_education.html

EPA Environmental Education Grants

This grant program funds environmental education projects. Environmental information and outreach may be important elements of EE projects, but these activities by themselves are not environmental education. By itself, environmental information only addresses awareness and knowledge, usually about a particular environmental issue. Outreach involves information dissemination and requests or suggestions for action on a particular issue (often without the critical thinking, problem solving and decision making steps in between). EE covers the range of steps and activities from awareness to action with an ultimate goal of environmental stewardship. Grant application details can be found at EPA's environmental education grant website - <http://www2.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

Herb Society of America

Samull Classroom Herb Garden grants provide 3rd - 6th grade teachers \$200 in "seed money" to start an indoor or outdoor herb garden. Deadline October 1st. www.herbsociety.org/support/grants-scholarships/grant-details.html#donaldsamullgrant

Honda Foundation

The American Honda Foundation was established to help meet the needs of American society in the areas of youth and scientific education. Nonprofits and school districts are eligible. Grants range from \$20,000 to \$75,000 to be used in one year. For more information visit www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom

Each year the state-wide Ag in the Classroom program awards both project grants and book grants to teachers all over the state. Teachers can apply for up to \$300 for an agriculture or outdoor learning related project and up to \$250 in books related to agriculture and science. Applications are due by October 1st. www.agintheclassroom.org/TeacherResources/Grants.html

Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant

Prekindergarten through grade 12 teachers may apply for up to \$500 to cover the costs of transportation and substitute teachers for a field trip to one of Illinois' natural resources sites. The field trip must occur in the calendar year that the funds are received. For detailed instructions and the application form, visit <http://dnr.state.il.us/education/CLASSRM/grants.htm>.

ING Unsung Heroes Grants

Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding but long on potential? Do you know a teacher looking for grant dollars? ING Unsung Heroes could help you turn great ideas into reality for students. Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. For more information, visit <http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>.

Kresge Foundation Grants

Grants relating to adaptation to climate change, energy efficiency/renewable energy, community health partnerships and healthy environments are available from The Kresge Foundation. We support efforts that create access and opportunity in *underserved communities*, working through the seven programs. Each program focuses on specific areas so we ask that you begin by learning more about the program that best fits your project; learn more at <http://www.kresge.org/funding/apply-for-funding>. Current grant opportunities are identified here. Please note some grant opportunities are open only to applicants invited by program staff members. Visit the web site for more details.

Lake Education Assistance Program (LEAP) Grants

This Illinois EPA grant program provides funding (up to \$500 per application period) for lake and lake watershed related educational field trips, seminars or workshops, projects, or activities. Projects and activities must have stated goals and involve the enhanced lake or lake watershed education of teachers, students, organizations or the community. LEAP is a reimbursement grant. Application deadlines are September 30 and January 31. Only one application per school or organization for each application period will be accepted. For more information, visit <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/conservation/leap.Html>.

Leave No Trace Grants

Leave No Trace is an educational, nonprofit organization dedicated to the responsible enjoyment and active stewardship of the outdoors. Leave No Trace offers a variety of grant and scholarship opportunities for individuals and organizations seeking Leave No Trace educational materials and/or training. There are multiple grants offered, including [Connect Grants for Culturally-Diverse Communities](#), [Packing with PEAK](#) grant, [Tools for Teaching Fund](#), and [Master Educator Scholarships](#). These opportunities have varying deadlines throughout the year. Please email all grant and scholarship inquiries to grants@LNT.org.

Local Giving Program

The Walmart Foundation supports programs and initiatives addressing education, workforce development, economic sustainability and health and wellness. Multiple awards ranging from \$250-5,000 are available for select applicants. Nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, church or faith based organizations and government entities are eligible to apply. Please visit <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving> for more information.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants

Searching for funding for your outdoor classroom, schoolyard garden or school greening project? Lowe's will donate \$5 million to public schools and public school parent teacher groups at more than 1,000 different public schools per school year. This grant program is for projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit. Preference is given to funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) and landscaping projects. For more information, visit <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>.

NEA Foundation - Nickelodeon Big Help Grants

The NEA Foundation – Nickelodeon Big Help Grants are available in the form of Student Achievement grants to K-8 public school educators. The Big Help Grants program is dedicated to the development and implementation of ideas, techniques, and approaches for addressing four key concerns – environmental awareness, health and wellness, students' right to a quality public education, and active community involvement. Public school educators are eligible to apply for individual grants worth up to \$5,000 for the development and implementation of ideas, techniques and approaches for teaching "green" concepts. Applications are reviewed three times per year. For more information, visit <http://www.classroomearth.org/node/877>.

Patagonia Environmental Grants

Patagonia provides grants for small, grassroots activist organizations aimed at preserving and protecting the environment. The company funds work that is action-oriented, builds public involvement and support, and protects local habitat. Grants range from \$3,000 to \$8,000. Applications can be submitted at retail stores and online. For more information, visit <http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=2942>.

PLT GreenWorks! Grant Program

Do you have an idea for a school/community native plant garden, a forest improvement project, a streamside restoration plan, a recycling program, or energy conservation project for your students? Need funds to implement it? Apply for a \$1,000 Project Learning Tree (PLT) *GreenWorks!* grant. *GreenWorks!* is the service-learning, community action program of PLT that partners, PLT educators, students, and communities in environmental neighborhood improvement projects. Applicants must have attended, or be registered for, a PLT educator workshop by the deadline. Visit <http://www.plt.org/applyforagrant> for more information.

The Pollination Project

The Pollination Project is offering a grant of \$1,000 per day every day this year to individuals with a plan to make a positive difference in their community. Environmental projects are encouraged. For more information, visit <http://thepollinationproject.org/>.

School Garden Grants Program/Whole Kids Foundation

Awards of \$2,000 are available to select applicants. Nonprofit organizations and nonprofit K-12 schools are eligible to apply. For more information, visit <http://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php>.

Schoolyard Habitat Program

The Schoolyard Habitat Program helps teachers and students create a naturalized wildlife habitat for classroom field studies and observations. The Program provides technical and organizational assistance to schools to create outdoor classrooms that are effective as educational tools and sustainable habitats. Qualified schools or organizations serving K-12 students are eligible for funding and may receive up to \$8,000 for projects. Schools must work cooperatively with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and School Garden Network (SGN) to be considered for funding. The first step to creating a successful Schoolyard Habitat Project is to assemble a team that includes students, teachers, parents, administrators, and community members who will support and help sustain the project. The Schoolyard Habitat Program works with schools to provide project guidance, teacher training, and helps develop written materials. For more information contact Laurel Anderson & Sabrina Howell, SGN Schoolyard Habitat Coordinators: Schoolhabitats@gmail.com. For more information, visit <http://www.classroomearth.org/node/22580> or <http://schoolgardens.org/schoolyard-habitat-program-2/>.

Schoolyard Wildlife Habitat Action Grant

Have you ever wanted to install a butterfly garden, prairie plot, schoolyard arboretum, bluebird nesting trail or other wildlife habitat area? This grant can make your wish come true. The IDNR, Illinois Conservation Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program are partners in offering funds to teachers and youth group leaders for wildlife habitat development or enhancement on school grounds or other public property. Up to \$1,000 per applicant is available. Visit <http://dnr.state.il.us/education/CLASSRM/grants.htm> to access the instructions and application form.

Target Field Trip Grant

Here's a great opportunity for you to offer your students a valuable field trip at little or no cost to you or your school. Target Corporation will award thousands of Field Trip Grants for up to \$700 each. For more information, visit <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants>.

TogetherGreen Grant Opportunities

The TogetherGreen Innovation Grants fund projects involved in conservation and engage diverse groups using innovative approaches. Grant guidelines and details can be found at www.togethergreen.org/grants.

USDA Farm to School Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm to School Grants help schools connect with local agricultural producers. For more information, visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/Default.htm>.

Youth Garden Grants

The National Gardening Association will be awarding Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. For this grant cycle, 100 grants are available. Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities and inter-generational groups throughout the U.S. are eligible. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. Previous winners may reapply, but must wait one year and must have significantly expanded their garden programs. For more information, visit <http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2013-youth-garden-grant-award>.

Illinois Grantwatch

This site is a listing of grant opportunities. You can search by categories including Children, Community Service, Environment, Science, and more: <http://illinois.grantwatch.com/collection.php?region=all>.

