BITTERSWEET GARDEN CLUB

"GROWING MINDS" TEACHER GRANTS

Cultivating Learning in Horticulture and Environmental Sciences

Application Deadline – December 1, 2026

Description: ***The Growing Minds: Cultivating Learning in Horticulture and Environmental Sciences*** grant is designed to

- Support K-12 teachers in implementing new or expanding existing innovative projects that enhance students' understanding of horticulture, agriculture, environmental science, ecology, and natural resources.
- Foster a deeper appreciation for sustainable practices and ecological stewardship.
- Provide K-12 teachers with funding and resources to develop and execute creative, hands-on projects that actively engage students.
- Enhance critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and environmental awareness while aligning with curriculum standard.

Funding and Eligibility

- Grants up to $500 may be awarded to eligible K-12 educators as funds are available.
- All public and private K-12 teachers in Jefferson City and surrounding school districts may apply.
- Applicants must demonstrate a clear plan for an educational project related to horticulture, agriculture, environmental science, ecology, or natural resources.

Project Criteria: Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that:

- Integrate hands-on activities and experiences to promote active learning and student engagement.
- Incorporate interdisciplinary approaches, connecting various subjects to foster a holistic understanding of the topics.
- Promote sustainable practices and awareness of environmental issues.
- Encourage community involvement and collaboration with local organizations or experts in the respective fields.

Application Process

- Interested teachers should apply by **December 1, 2026.**
- Grant applicants will be notified of the grant review decisions.