2025 SFE Application Worksheet

This document is only a worksheet. 2025 SFE grant applications are submitted via a web-based form (<https://wildones.org/seeds-for-education/sfe-application/>) that does not allow the saving of drafts.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to compose and save their responses ahead of time using this worksheet and paste their answers into the web-based form when finalized. This will ensure your responses are not lost if your browser unexpectedly times out or quits during the completion of the form.

Grant applications will be accepted from 12:00 a.m. CDT on July 15th through 11:59 p.m. CDT on November 15th, 2024 for the 2025 planting season. The period between July 15th and November 15th provides an initial opportunity for learning and preparing as you design and plan your garden project.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Project Relevance
   1. Alignment with Wild Ones Mission.
2. Youth Engagement and Educational Value
   1. Youth Involvement: How meaningfully are youth involved in the project?
   2. Educational Benefits: How will the project be used for youth learning?
3. Planning, Sustainability and Maintenance
   1. Project Planning: Does the garden description and its objectives demonstrate thorough and effective planning?
   2. Maintenance Plan: Is there a solid plan for garden maintenance and sustainability?
   3. Designated Personnel: Does the proposal demonstrate that the project coordinator and designated staff are skilled and knowledgeable about building and maintaining native plant gardens? Does this project collaborate with a local Wild Ones Chapter?
4. Native Garden and Plant Selection
   1. Plant Community: Does the plant list ensure an aesthetic, sustainable garden? Do the plants fit with the ecoregion and project objectives?
5. Community Impact and Need
   1. Community Importance: Why is this project important to the organization and community?
   2. Need: How well does the application demonstrate the population’s need for this project?

These criteria ensure that funded projects are impactful, sustainable, and aligned with Wild Ones’ mission. The most important factor is the long-term educational value of each project.

Please email us at support@wildones.org for clarification or assistance with the application.

# **Organization Information**

Please note: SFE applications are limited to organizations located in the United States.

(1) Organization Name

(2) Organization Address

(3) Organization Phone

(4) Organization Website

(5) How did your agency learn about the Wild Ones Seeds for Education grant?

# **Project Coordinator Information**

(6) Project Coordinator Name

(7) Project Coordinator Professional Title

(8) Project Coordinator Phone

(9) Project Coordinator Email

(10) Briefly summarize the qualifications of the project coordinator.

(11) How will the project be sustained if the project coordinator is unable to fulfill their responsibilities?

Secondary Contact: Please provide name, email, and phone number for a secondary project contact such as a direct supervisor, facility manager, or another employee knowledgeable about this project.

# **Project/Garden Details**

(12) Name of entity that has ownership and authority of the project site (school district, nature center, youth center, house of worship, etc.)

(13) Address of Garden Location (if different from organization location above).

(14) Project/Garden Name

(15) Provide the age ranges and number of youth estimated to participate in the project.

(16) Describe how youth will be involved in the research, selection of plants, and the design of the project.

(17) Provide a general timeline of the project. (required; limit of 3,000 characters/500 words)

(18) Give a description of your garden and include project objective(s). For example, erosion prevention, rain garden, butterfly or insect habitat, soil improvement, bird food habitat. (required; limit of 3,000 characters/500 words)

(19) Attach a sketch or diagram (in .pdf or other digital format, limit of 8 MB) of the entire area you intend to plant, as it currently exists, including 1) site dimensions, 2) vegetation which will remain, 3) existing natural and/or human-made structures, 4) scale, 5) planting conditions (light, soil, moisture), 6) directional points (North, East, South, West)?   
Visit <https://wildones.org/sfe-sketch-samples/> to see sample sketches/diagrams of final site plans.

(20) What preparation is required in anticipation of planting, and how will you accomplish this? i.e. What vegetation, if any, will be eliminated prior to planting?

(21) Who will be responsible for managing/maintaining the planting area after the garden has been planted? (required; limit of 3,000 characters/500 words)

(22) Explain why this project is important to your organization and community, (required; limit of 3,000 characters/500 words)

(23) Describe how the project will be used for learning and development of youth (public tours, citizen science/STEAM opportunities, youth research, etc.). (required; limit of 3,000 characters/500 words)

(24) Using your original sketch or diagram of the existing area, provide a 2nd sketch or diagram of the landscape as it will appear when the garden is planted. Attach as a separate .pdf or other digital format file (limit of 8 MB). (required; visit <https://wildones.org/sfe-sketch-samples/> to see sample sketches/diagrams of final site plans).

**(25) Project Budget**

SFE grant funds cover native plants and native seeds only. Your garden may also incorporate fruits and vegetables, but the request outlined here must only be for native plants and seeds. Provide the following information for the native plants/seeds selected for your project. (Note: use only as many resources as necessary to list your selections.)

**Resource 1**

Plant/Seed Resource Name

Common Name

Scientific (Latin) Name

Cost

Quantity

**Resource 1 Total**

**Resource 2**

Plant/Seed Resource Name

Common Name

Scientific (Latin) Name

Cost

Quantity

**Resource 2 Total**

**Resource 3**

Plant/Seed Resource Name

Common Name

Scientific (Latin) Name

Cost

Quantity

**Resource 3 Total**

**Total Grant Amount Requested (not to exceed $500)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# **Wild Ones Chapter Support**

If you are collaborating with a local Wild Ones chapter on your project, please provide the chapter name and name(s) of specific member(s) providing support. [Click here](https://wildones.org/chapters/) to find a chapter near you.

(26) Wild Ones Chapter

(27) Wild Ones Chapter Contact

# **Before You Submit**

(28) Is there anything else about your project, your organization, the youth you serve, or your community that you want to share with Wild Ones? (Limit of 3,000 characters/500 words)

# **Attestation**

I understand that the awarding of grants and amount of grants shall be subject to the sole discretion of Wild Ones. I also understand project details and designs become the property of Wild Ones, and if I am awarded a grant, Wild Ones shall have the right to supply others with this information and disseminate its underlying concepts and/or ideas. If awarded a grant, I agree to acknowledge this funding source in any project publicity or printed materials and to submit an expense accounting to Wild Ones within one year of the date of the award letter. Wild Ones and/or any of its agents, officials, and employees shall assume no responsibility or liability for claims of damage of any kind to property or for claims of injury to any person in connection with the award or distribution of a grant. I understand that I am responsible for securing and retaining parental approval and release for any photos and/or videos provided to Wild Ones for any youth under the age of 18 and that Wild Ones has permission to use submitted project photos and/or videos in any public media about Wild Ones. I certify that I have obtained the necessary approval from my organization to submit this grant application and move forward with our garden project if we are awarded funds. IF AWARDED any grant, APPLICANT AGREES TO DO THE FOLLOWING: a. Provide Wild Ones with a point of contact to receive funds within 2 weeks of award notification. b. Submit a project report at the completion of the grant (1 year after award) that includes, digital photos/videos (especially of children or youth actively planting or using the project site) or student artwork, poetry, etc. Newspaper articles or other media reports about the project are also welcome. c. Submit the attached [License Agreement](https://wildones.org/wp-content/images/WO-SFE-App-License-Agreement.pdf) allowing Wild Ones to use all photos, videos, artwork, and other media provided by applicant as part of the application, project report, or other communication with Wild Ones concerning the project. By submitting this application, applicant is stating that applicant has obtained and retains on file a [Publication Release](https://wildones.org/wp-content/images/WO-Publication-Release-Form.pdf) for each item submitted to Wild Ones and a [Release](https://wildones.org/wp-content/images/WO-Permission-and-Release-Form.pdf) from each person depicted in any image or recording submitted to Wild Ones, including parental permission for any person under age 18. d. Acknowledge Wild Ones funding of your garden in project publicity and printed materials. e. Notify Wild Ones of other project highlights or events so we may participate as deemed appropriate by your organization’s regulations.

(29) I understand and agree to the above attestation.