

HOLDEN GARDEN CLUB SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION 2024-2025

The Holden Garden Club is pleased to invite applications from Holden schools for grant funding up to, but not exceeding, \$1000.00. One request per school will be considered.

Awards will be given for the purpose of advancing student knowledge of the natural sciences, horticulture, or the natural environment. The Holden Garden Club supports projects that encourage ecological and conservation awareness and good understanding of sustainable practices that enhance the love of gardening in students and their understanding of sustainable gardening, conservation, and green energy.

Examples of projects may include, but are not limited to: field trips to botanical gardens or museums, sponsoring of speakers with knowledge of gardening or horticultural practices, demonstrations involving cultivation and plant growth indigenous to New England, and purchase of materials needed for indoor or outdoor gardening at the school. Recently, the Holden Garden Club supported a school effort to build a greenhouse at the school site to achieve an early start to the growing season. Another Holden school wished to plant a permaculture garden and requested funding for appropriate shrubs and plants. These were fully funded. Active student participation is encouraged in the project. The Holden Garden Club Grant is not intended to fund garden decoration, signage, benches, walkways, or fences.

Projects should be designed, written, and monitored by a member of the Holden school faculty or school staff who will also prepare an evaluation at the conclusion of the project, reporting successes and any problems encountered. Applications may be submitted until the deadline of **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**. Projects should be concluded by June, 2025. If not all grant money is expended, the money may be returned to the Holden Garden Club, or a plan for use of remaining funds may be submitted.

Questions may be addressed to the Chair of the Grants Committee at:

info@holdengardenclub.org

APPLICATION FORM

Please describe the proposed project:

Amount requested with itemized list of how funding would be spent:

NAME OF SCHOOL REQUESTING GRANT:

SIGNATURE OF FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER MAKING REQUEST:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

NAME OF PRINCIPAL AND EMAIL ADDRESS:

NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT AND THEIR GRADE LEVEL

DATES WHEN PROJECT WOULD OCCUR

Completed application may be emailed to: info@holdengardenclub.org or mailed to

HGC Grant Chair at: **47 Forest Drive, Holden MA 01520.**