

HOLDEN GARDEN CLUB

SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION 2025-2026



The Holden Garden Club is pleased to invite applications from K-12 Holden schools for grant funding up to \$1,000

This grant can help you bring your creative ideas to life and implement them to integrate gardening concepts through science and engineering practices, like:

- planning your investigations,
- formulating your experiments using the scientific method
- focusing on the life sciences (plants and their needs)
- studying earth and space sciences (soil and weather factors)
- studying physical science (water and light)
- crosscutting concepts that connect these ideas

Awards will be given for the purpose of advancing the students' knowledge of:

- natural sciences
- horticulture
- the natural environment
- gardening for knowledge, skills and relaxation
- ecology and conservation awareness
- sustainable gardening combined with the use of green energy
- practices that encourage the love of gardening and practical applications of these principles in the students' lives

Examples of projects may include, but are not limited to:

- field trips to botanical gardens or museums
- sponsoring speakers featuring gardening or horticultural practices
- demonstrations involving cultivation and plant growth indigenous to New England
- purchasing materials needed for indoor or outdoor gardening at the school
- building a greenhouse at the school site
- funding for shrubs and plants that are hardy in the New England climate

These are topics of fully funded past projects. Active student participation is encouraged in the project.

*** The Holden Garden Club School 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. One request per school will be considered.

Applications may be submitted by Wednesday, November 5, 2025. Projects should be concluded by June 2026. If some grant money remains, 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.

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

NAME OF SCHOOL REQUESTING GRANT:

Please describe the proposed project:

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

NAME AND SIGNATURE OF FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER MAKING REQUEST:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

NAME AND SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT AND THEIR GRADE LEVEL:

DATES WHEN THE PROJECT WOULD OCCUR:

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