



Go Wild Grants: Schools K-12

Application Guidelines 2025-2026

Go Wild Grants support schools across Canada to implement projects that aim to protect or restore natural habitat while engaging school communities. Grants of \$1,500 are available to support practical, hands-on projects in school yards that will be completed by June 26, 2026.

[Apply by Friday, October 24, 2025, to bring your idea to life!](#)

What type of projects do Go Wild Grants support?

Go Wild Grants are designed to help students and educators protect and restore habitat on school grounds, for the benefit of wildlife and people. Previous grantees have created native pollinator gardens and seed orchards, grown culturally significant plants, restored creeks and forests, monitored local wildlife, conducted biodiversity inventories and more!

We will prioritize ideas that help your school community:

- Learn about the local ecosystem including its history, its biodiversity and what it needs to thrive
- Take action for nature by creating, restoring or protecting habitat with native seeds, plants and trees
- Connect with your surrounding community to create lasting impact

Need some inspiration?

[Student-based projects will restore and protect habitats across Canada](#)

Find inspiring examples of previous projects funded by Go Wild Grants.

[Six easy steps to planting a wildlife-friendly garden](#)

Learn about native plants and tips to keep in mind as you create your wildlife-friendly garden.

[How to start a seed garden](#)

Follow these illustrated steps to grow a cluster of native plants with the goal of harvesting their seeds.

[How seed orchards fill a growing need for native plants](#)

Learn about the benefits of [seed orchards](#) and get inspired to start your own.

Assessment criteria

All proposed projects will be assessed by WWF-Canada staff using the following criteria:

- **Quality and relevance of project:** How and to what extent will the project contribute to improving habitat for the benefit of people and wildlife in the school community? Does it involve the key themes of learning, taking action for nature and connecting with communities?
- **Impact:** Is the impact proposed realistic for the activities planned? How will the project be monitored, and results measured? How effective is the project in connecting students to nature in their community?
- **Sustainability and management:** Can this project be sustained beyond the first year? Is there a management plan for habitat created? Are there future plans to expand?
- **Implementation plan:** Is the implementation plan achievable? Can the goals be met according to the budget and timeline?
- **Budget:** Is the budget appropriate for the proposed activities?
- **Storytelling:** Does this project tell a good story? How creative is it? Is it fun?
- **Connections to Indigenous communities:** Preference will be given to projects that have meaningful connections to Indigenous learning and Indigenous-led conservation.

Priority will be given to projects that use native seeds/plants/trees, as well as those with significant impact in terms of people engaged, plants planted and/or habitat stewarded.

Eligibility

Ideas that qualify for granting must:

- Take place within the school community during the 2025-2026 school year
- Be completed by June 26, 2026
- Not be associated with a for-profit entity

If selected for funding from WWF-Canada, you are agreeing to:

- Implement your idea and plan
- Share stories, information, photographs and possibly videos from your project. Funded projects may be profiled and promoted by WWF-Canada on various communications channels, where relevant.
- Complete a final report by June 26, 2026

Eligible applicants

- Schools, classrooms, student groups in Canada
- Grades K — 12 (elementary, middle and secondary schools)
- Please note: applications must be completed by an educator, administrator or school employee. Students can connect with their teacher and apply together.

Eligible costs

Materials and services associated with the proposed activities are appropriate expenses. This could include (but is not limited to): plants, soil, equipment and field costs needed to complete the project; honoraria for Indigenous elders and knowledge keepers; communication materials and promotional costs; costs associated with documenting the project; permits; facility or vehicle rental fees, if necessary.

Non-eligible costs

Staff salaries or any other fees that are not directly related to the proposed activity are not considered eligible expenses.

Permits, insurance and liability waivers

Successful applicants are responsible for identifying and obtaining any permits, licenses or other approvals required to begin and/or complete the project. Successful applicants are also required to obtain and/or maintain adequate insurance coverage and implement participant liability waiver agreements in respect of all risks relating to the funded project.

Timing and notification information

Applications must be submitted via the [online application form](https://schools.wwf.ca) by October 24, 2025, at schools.wwf.ca. Applications that fail to adhere to the guidelines will not be accepted. Recipients will be notified in December. Projects selected for funding will be publicly announced by February. Only projects selected for funding will be contacted. Successful applicants will have until **June 26, 2026**, to complete projects and reporting requirements.

Terms of reference

This call for proposals is not intended to be a formal legally binding procurement process. WWF-Canada reserves the right to seek clarification and supplementary information from any applicant. WWF-Canada may elect not to consider a proposal containing misrepresentations or any inaccurate, misleading or incomplete information. Once a project proposal has been submitted, it cannot be modified or changed.

Questions?

For questions regarding Go Wild Grants, please email gowild@wwfcanada.org or call us at 1-800-26-PANDA (72632).