

# South Carolina Native Plant Society

## Lowcountry Chapter Grant Program



The Lowcountry Chapter of South Carolina Native Plant Society (SCNPS) is pleased to offer our Lowcountry Chapter Grant Program. Part of our mission is to promote native plants through planting, outreach, education, and the removal of exotic species. Our Lowcountry Chapter Grants Program gives us the ability to support local projects that align with this mission. There are two separate funding opportunities: one for School Projects and one for Community Projects. If your organization, community group, or school is interested in working with native plants in any capacity, we invite you to consider applying for one of our grants! Please read below for details about each funding opportunity, as well as application due dates.

### **Community Grant Overview & Requirements**

Community Projects must be directed at protecting, preserving, restoring, and/or educating the public about native plants or plant communities in the Lowcountry of South Carolina (we are currently only considering projects in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, and Horry counties). Priority will be given to those projects involving public land, cultural significance, rare species, or the removal of invasive/exotic species. Requirements for community grants are as follows:

- Applicants must demonstrate that they have means (capacity, time, etc.) available to complete and maintain the project.
- If applicants do not own the property, they must provide documentation that permission has been granted by property owner for the project. Community project funds are not to be used on personal property or for personal gain.
- Projects should be scheduled to begin within one year of issuance. Awardees are required to provide proof of project completion, such as photos or maps (if applicable).
- After completion, a tour of the project site or a presentation about the project during a SCNPS Lowcountry monthly meeting (in-person or online) is required.
- Applicants may only apply for one project per fiscal year.

### **School Grant Overview & Requirements**

School projects must be directed at educating students about native plants or plant communities in the Lowcountry of South Carolina (we are currently only considering projects in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester Georgetown, and Horry counties). Priority will be given to those projects involving cultural significance, rare species, or the removal of invasive/exotic species.

Requirements for community grants are as follows:

- Applicants must demonstrate that they have means (capacity, time, etc.) available to complete and maintain the project.
- Applicants must provide documentation that permission has been granted by the school for the project.
- Funds must be used within one year of issuance. Awardees are required to provide proof of project completion, such as photos and maps (if applicable).
- After completion, a tour of the project site or a presentation about the project during a SCNPS Lowcountry monthly meeting (at the Citadel or online) is required.
- Applicants may only apply for one project per fiscal year.

### **Application Details for Community & School Grants**

For consideration, **applicant must submit an application (maximum of 3 pages)** that includes:

- Project contact (including phone number and email address)
- Location
- Budget (include any matching funds – source and amounts)
- Description of how this project benefits or demonstrates the value of native plants
- Discussion of whom the project will affect and how
- Timeline for completion
- Description of how project will be sustained/maintained over time
- Letters of support from identified partners and/or landowners

### **Award Amounts**

Individual award amounts will not exceed \$1,000 for Community Grants and \$500 for School Grants. Awards will be given at the discretion of the Board of the Lowcountry Chapter of the SCNPS.

### **Application Deadlines**

- Spring
  - Grant period opens January 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Grant applications due by February 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Grant awardees notified by March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Fall
  - Grant period opens August 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Grant applications due by September 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Grant awardees notified by October 10<sup>th</sup>

**Contact:** We encourage you to reach out if you have ideas/questions about potential grant applications, or if you would like clarification on any of the information presented in this announcement. For inquiries, or to submit your application, please reach out to Matt Johnson at [scnps.lowcountry.president@gmail.com](mailto:scnps.lowcountry.president@gmail.com).