



South Carolina Native Plant Society Lowcountry Chapter Grant Program



The Lowcountry Chapter of the 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 invasive, exotic species. Our Lowcountry Chapter Grants Program gives us the ability to support local projects that align with this mission. 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 this funding opportunity, as well as application details and due dates.

Grant Overview & Requirements

Projects must be directed at protecting, restoring, and/or educating the public or 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 grants are as follows:

- For community projects, if applicants do not own the property, they must provide documentation that permission has been granted by the property owner for the project. *Community project funds are not to be used on personal property or for personal gain.*
- For school projects, applicants must provide documentation that permission has been granted by the school for the project.
- Funds must be used within one year of issuance. After completion, a tour of the project site, presentation about the project during a monthly chapter meeting, or final project report (with photos) is required.
- Applicants may only apply for one project per fiscal year.

Application Details

To apply, applicants must submit an application (maximum of 4 pages) consisting of the following sections:

- **Project Title**
- **Project Location**
- **Project Contact** (including name, phone number and e-mail address)
- **Project Description**, including:
 - Specific details of proposed project
 - How the project will promote native plants
 - Why the project is needed (whom will the project impact and how?)
- **Detailed Budget**
 - This should include how specifically the grant funds will be used
- **Timeline for completion**, including:
 - Who will complete the project and approximate project schedule
 - Description of how the project will be sustained/maintained once the grant period ends (one year)
- **Letters of support** from identified partners and/or landowners

Bonus Points

Bonus points will be awarded for projects that include matching funds, involve two or more partners, and are likely to have high audience engagement (e.g. – the project has high public visibility [community projects] or involves more than one class [school projects].)

Award Amounts

Individual award amounts will not exceed \$750. Awards will be given at the discretion of the Board of the Lowcountry Chapter of the SCNPS.

Application Deadlines

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

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 lowcountry.grants@scnps.org.