



South Carolina Native Plant Society – Lowcountry Chapter

Community Grant Program: Project Funding Criteria

School Projects:

School projects must be directed at educating students about native plants or plant communities in the Lowcountry of South Carolina (we will only consider 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:**

- 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.

Community Projects:

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 will only consider 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:**

- 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 the 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 (at the Citadel or online) is required.
- Applicants may only apply for one project per fiscal year.

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

- a) Project contact (including phone number and email address)

- b) Location
- c) Budget (include any matching funds – source and amounts)
- d) Description of how this project benefits or demonstrates the value of native plants
- e) Discussion of whom the project will affect and how
- f) Timeline for completion
- g) Description of how project will be sustained/maintained over time
- h) Letters of support from identified partners and/or landowners

Award amounts: Individual award amounts will not exceed \$500. Awards will be given at the discretion of the Board of the Lowcountry Chapter of the SCNPS.

Application deadlines:

Spring

- Application opens January 1st
- Submit by February 1st
- Winners announced March 1st

Fall

- Application opens August 1st
- Submit by September 1st
- Winners announced October 1st

Contact: For additional information and to submit your application electronically (preferred), please e-mail Matt Johnson at scnps.lowcountry.president@gmail.com. Applications may also be submitted by mail:

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