

Jeffers Foundation
School Garden Grant Application
2025



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To: All Minnesota elementary schools and 501c3 organizations:

Re: Outdoor School Garden Projects

“A Garden 4 Every School” is a program of Jeffers Foundation to help promote school garden projects throughout Minnesota. On our website: <https://jeffersfoundation.org/programs/a-garden-for-every-school/> you will find a wealth of useful information to help you start and maintain a school garden. We have visited and documented over 75 school garden programs throughout Minnesota, both established programs and first-year programs. Information on these programs is available at the above website. For elementary schools that are interested in starting a school garden, Jeffers Foundation is offering **\$2,000.00 starter grants** to elementary schools or 501c3 organizations throughout the state to help with the initial start-up costs. We then plan to visit your garden and share your experiences with other schools in Minnesota. See our garden videos for examples. Please complete the attached application form and return it to us no later than: **April 30, 2025**. Applications will be reviewed and grants awarded shortly after. If you have any questions please contact:

Galen Erickson, Jeffers Foundation
612-310-9099
Email: galenerickson@comcast.net

School Information

Contact name	Phone	Email	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Position			
<input type="checkbox"/> Principal	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
School name	School address		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
School phone	Principal	Email	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Total school enrollment	Grade levels	Total staff	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Project Information

First Year Outdoor Garden Grants: Please complete all the information below. You may also include any pictures, diagrams or other information that you feel may enhance your application.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION: Explain why you wish to establish a school garden at your school. Who was involved in writing this grant proposal?

2.GARDEN SITE: Where will your garden be located? (Approximate size of garden, type of garden, watersources.)

3.GARDEN PRODUCT: What do you plan to grow in your garden?

4. EDUCATION: How will you use your garden for educational purposes? How are school staff involved?

5.STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: How will students be involved in this project both when school is in session and/or during the summer months?

6. SUPERVISION AND MAINTENANCE: Who will supervise your garden during the school year? Who will maintain and care for the garden during the summer months? Is vandalism a concern in your area?

7. USE OF GRANT FUNDS: How do you plan to use the \$2,000.00 Jeffers Grant? What other sources of funding do you have available?

8. SUSTAINABILITY: From whom do you have support for this project? How do you plan to make it an ongoing project?

Thank You

We appreciate your interest in school gardens and the time you spent completing this application form. Grant applications are due no later than **April 30, 2025**.
To send application by US mail or email.

Submit to: GalenErickson
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