Fort Lauderdale Garden Club - Garden Grants
CREATING GARDENS IN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

In 2024, Fort Lauderdale Garden Club will begin offering grants to install gardens in Broward County schools. The purpose of the grants is to provide on-site gardens where children can learn first-hand about the role of pollinators, native plants, food production and water conservation. Children can participate in planting, watering, garden maintenance and learn about environmental stewardship. The gardens will beautify the school campus and enable children to observe nature's creatures at work.

What is Fort Lauderdale Garden Club and Why are We Offering These Grants?

- Fort Lauderdale Garden Club (FLGC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1927.
- The Club's mission is to "further the education of members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, gardening and the respect for and protection of the environment."

Application and Completion Timeline:

- **Application deadline: September 30** (Grant Applications must be received by the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club)
- Grants Awarded: Applicants will be notified of acceptance status by November 1
- Gardens must be installed by December 1

Grant Amounts and Eligibility:

- Grants will range from $500 to $1,000, depending on the garden size and quality of the grant application as assessed by FLGC's Garden Grants Committee.
- First preference will be given to Fort Lauderdale schools. Schools outside of Fort Lauderdale but within Broward County will be considered.

Garden Ideas for Grant Application:

- **Native Plant Garden**: Planting a garden with native flora provides habitat for local pollinators and unique species. Students can learn about indigenous plants suited to our region and showcase the importance of biodiversity
- **Food Forest**: A garden designed with multiple layers of edible plants including trees, shrubs, vines and ground covers. Students can participate in planting, maintaining, and harvesting nutritious produce
- **Sensory Garden**: A garden that engages all five senses with plants of various texture, scents, colors, and sounds. Students engage in an interactive experience to explore nature through touch, smell, sight, and sound while learning about the characteristics of different plants.
- **Pollinator Garden**: A garden planted primarily with flowers that provide nectar or pollen to support a wide range of pollinating insects
- **Rain Garden:** A garden planted to capture stormwater runoff to reduce pollution and flooding.
- **Water Conservation Garden**: Introduce water conservation principles, such as incorporating rain barrels. Students can learn about water management while setting up and maintaining a rain barrel to collect rainwater for irrigating the garden.

Garden Site Criteria for Consideration:

- Ample sun
- Access to water for irrigation.

Participation Criteria:

- Teacher/student participation, including commitment of the teacher who will lead the garden project and work directly with a Fort Lauderdale Garden Club representative and Broward County extension office expert.
- Principal's approval of the garden project.
- Parent participation.
- Fort Lauderdale Garden Club representative to partner with school contact.
- The school will be responsible for pick up or coordinating delivery.
- The following pictures (including Releases of photographs from the student's parents) must be provided:
  - Pre-installation area (with the application)
  - During the garden installation
  - Post installation
  - Before the school year ends
  - At the start of the following school year

How the Grant Works:

- The first step is to arrange a site visit with a Fort Lauderdale Garden Club representative to review the proposed site.
- Working with the school's contact person, grant monetary awards will be approved by the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Garden Grants Committee and managed by the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club representative and the Broward County expert assigned to the school. This partnership assures that the best selection of plants is made and that expenditures maximize the grant award.
- The Garden Club representative will review and approve the landscape plan and list of plants, and will offer recommendations to ensure the use of plants that will maximize the pollinator activity at the specific location.

As school contact person for this project, I have read and understand the terms of the Gardens in Community Schools grant and my role as a school contact person. (School Contact's Acknowledgement Signature) _____

As Principal of the school, I approve this project. (School Principal's Acknowledgement Signature) _____

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GRANT APPLICATION

Date of Application: _____

Name and Address of Applicant School: _____

Contact Name: _____ **Contact Email Address**: _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Beginning Date of Project**: _____

- **Background** (Characteristics and location of land where the garden will be, size of garden plot, advance internal approvals required if any, etc):

- **Describe the plans for the garden project** (What will it do for the school, what grades will participate, how will the garden be used, is this part of an existing garden, how will it be maintained, how does it fit in the curriculum?):

- **What are the school's goals for the garden?**

- **What is the plan for maintaining the garden when school is in and out of session?**

- **Who are the key school and parent members who will be involved in the project, and what is their role:**

- **Do you need assistance with designing the garden?**

- **Are you able to arrange pick-up of the materials from a local nursery?**

Be sure to include these items with your submission:
- Grant outline with acknowledgement signature (page 1 and 2)
- Application page (page 3 – plus additional pages, as needed)
- Google Map picture depicting the location of the garden

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Email or send via USPS mail completed application to: fortlauderdalegardenclub@gmail.com or
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