

Grant Program

Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners in Partnership with K-State Research and Extension

The Extension Master Gardeners (SCEMG) of Shawnee County, KS announce the availability of grant funds that support our mission – “Improving our community through horticulture.”

Eligibility

Any high school teacher in Shawnee County may apply for a grant either to begin or to support an existing school horticultural project such as a vegetable, fruit, or pollinator garden.

Criteria

The SCEMG Grant Committee will evaluate applications based on these criteria:

- Relevance to our mission statement
- Development or improvement of school gardens and grounds or classroom curriculum
- Feasibility of completing the project within the timeline
- Sustainable horticultural practices such as water conservation, building healthy soil, and integrated pest management
- Institutional support for maintaining the project beyond the year of the grant

The Grants

The amount of each grant will not exceed \$500.00. Funds may be requested for a wide variety of gardening projects. These are a few examples:

- Garden construction materials, including hardscape
- Compost, seeds, plants, tools, hoses, soil amendments, soil testing
- Curriculum materials that would utilize a garden as a classroom

Grant recipients will be notified by October 31, 2024 regarding the status of their application. Grant funds must be used by March 31, 2025, although the project itself may be completed during the 2025 spring semester. Any remaining funds should be returned to Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners.

Grant recipients shall submit a report after the completion of the project describing how the grant supported their horticultural program. In addition, this report shall list items purchased and their cost. Recipients will receive a form to use for this report.

How to Apply

The grant application form is available on the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardener website <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/extension-master-gardener.html>

Applicants may complete the form and mail to:

SCEMG Grant Committee
Shawnee County Extension Office
1740 SW Western Ave.
Topeka, KS 66604

Or applicants may email the completed form to:

jleever@ksu.edu
(Subject Line: Grant Application)

Please Note: Prior to submission, applicants are responsible for submitting to their respective districts for approval, if required.