

# West Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association Teacher Grant Program

April 30, 2024

Re: WMNLA Grant

Dear Horticulture Educator,

Enclosed you will find information regarding the WMNLA Teacher Grant Program. **This competitive grant program will award grants of up to \$500** to classroom teachers in our serviced counties; Ottawa, Muskegon, Oceana, Allegan and Newaygo, during the 2024-2025 school year.

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis. **Projects that closely match the criteria detailed below will be selected for funding.** The advisory committee has reserved \$1500 each year to be awarded to classroom teachers. Grant requests for up to \$500 may be submitted for projects and activities that enhance classroom learning and which require funds **beyond those available** through normal school resources. The WMNLA Fund has a special interest in projects or activities designed to give students a better understanding of the green industry, specifically, greenhouses, nursery and landscaping.

#### WMNLA Teacher Grant Criteria

- **Grant requests must support education in the greenhouse, nursery or landscaping area.**
- **Grant requests must emphasize the critical need for the special projects to be funded.**
- **Grant requests must include the intended outcome(s) of the project, as demonstrated in student learning.**
- **Principal approval must be attained for each grant request to ensure an alignment of the project with focal areas and goals of the school.**

Grant funds **will not** be awarded for the following: basic classroom materials, field trips that are not part of a planned educational unit or program, professional development conferences and supplies for student award programs.

**Please assist the WMNLA Fund Committee by making this grant application information known to your classroom teachers as soon as possible. You are encouraged to make as many copies of this information as necessary. Applications must be emailed to the WMNLA fund C/O Becky Cybart at [Becky@mnl.org](mailto:Becky@mnl.org) or mailed to WMNLA Fund C/O Becky Cybart 2149 Commons Parkway, Okemos, MI 48864, no later than July 1, 2024.**

Sincerely,

Becky Cybart

MNLA Membership Director/ Chapter Liaison  
West Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association