

Dear Educators and Students,

The Piedmont Environmental and Educational Foundation is pleased to announce our 2021-2022 school year grant award season.

*The mission of the Foundation, a 501 c3 nonprofit entity, is to endow students with a sense of environmental citizenship, responsibility and appreciation of the natural world. Through the funding of project proposals submitted by teachers and/or their students, and other interested organizations, the Foundation seeks to provide opportunities for students to explore nature, develop an understanding of the fragile underpinnings of our environment, and teach others about the interconnections of the natural world and the impact human activities can have on that world, and finally to apply that understanding to undertakings that benefit nature.*

We will begin accepting grant applications anytime after January 2021 and will fund successful grant applications on a continuous basis thereafter until the grant allocation for the year is exhausted. Multiyear projects are welcome, with funding contingent on successful completion of the previous year's goals. At the end of the year, grantees will be asked to fill out a short report reflecting on how their projects went.

Examples of successful funding requests in the past include student field research (including replication of existing studies), habitat restoration, water quality monitoring, and organic gardening. Grants that are focused on student research typically rank higher on our evaluation list. Grants requests for educational environmental trips typically do not rank as high on our evaluation list as other activities, but do receive consideration, especially when they are embedded in a larger scientific research question that students are studying. A few select grant awardees will be asked to make a presentation at the Sugarloaf Citizens Association annual spring meeting in April 2022 in Dickerson, Maryland.

Grants awards range from \$250-\$1,000.

We hope that you will consider applying for a grant from our Foundation and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jim Brown at [JBrown@btbv.com](mailto:JBrown@btbv.com) or Joyce Bailey at [Baileyjn52@comcast.net](mailto:Baileyjn52@comcast.net)

Sincerely,

Jim Brown,  
President

**Piedmont Environmental Education Grant Application  
School Year 2021-2022**

**How to complete this grant application**

1. **Fill out Grant Application Form on following page**
2. **Write a description of your project (about 1 page typed)**  
Suggestions for a successful project description:
  - a. Keep description brief – 1 typed page or less
  - b. Focus on scientific question/research question being explored by the students and how the project will enable them to accomplish this
  - c. Be specific. What exactly are the students going to do?
  - d. How will student learning be assessed?
  - e. Will the project be shared with others? Describe
  - f. Include a general project timeline
  - g. Reference any outside experts or organizations you are consulting with, or any specialized training or experience teachers have to help insure a successful project.
  - h. Does this project include a restoration activity? If so, please describe.
  - i. Indicate how plants/animals will be cared for when school is not in session

**Completed grant applications will include:**

Completed application form with signatures  
Project Description

**Please mail completed application to:**

**Piedmont Environmental Educational Foundation  
ATTN: Jim Brown  
Box 442  
Barnesville, MD 20838**

Applications can also be submitted to Jim Brown via email at

**[JBrown@btbv.com](mailto:JBrown@btbv.com)**

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Date (mm/dd/yy):		
<b>Applicant Information</b>		
Name:	Title:	
School/organization:		
Address:		
Telephones: cell	Home	Work
E-mail:	Fax:	
Name of Principal/Executive:		
Signature, applicant		Signature, Principal/Executive

<b>Grant project details</b>		
Name of Project:		
Amount of grant requested:		
Matching funds if available. Describe		
Number of participating: Students:	Teachers:	Grade level:
Project start date:	completion date:	
Scientific question/objective that students will be exploring:		
Itemized budget of what you plan to purchase and the projected cost (We discourage requests that seek grant funds primarily for transportation costs)		