



## GARDEN GRANTS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who can apply for your grants?**

- Public schools
- Public chart schools
- Private schools with 501(c)(3) status
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- All must be located within the state for that specific grant

### **If I am a parent or volunteer not employed at the school can I still apply on behalf of the school?**

Yes, you can absolutely still apply but you will need to provide a letter of support from the school principal to ensure that administration approves of your plans for the garden.

### **If our school has received a grant in the past, can we apply again?**

Yes, at Western Growers Foundation we understand that school gardens require constant maintenance (which requires funding!) so we allow schools to reapply each year.

### **Do you offer grants for preschools or childcare centers?**

Yes, we have offered grants specifically for pre-K schools. Please check our Grants page for upcoming opportunities.

### **Can we use the grant funds to pay for a Garden Coordinator?**

No, grant funds must be used strictly towards the purchase of materials or supplies needed for a fruit and vegetable garden. Funds cannot be used for stipends, wages, contract or consulting fees. If you are unsure about a potential grant purchase, please contact us at [wgf@wga.com](mailto:wgf@wga.com) for guidance.



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### **Can I apply for multiple schools that I work with?**

Yes but you will need to complete a separate application for each school and they will all be reviewed separately. In order to complete separate applications you will need to create separate accounts for each school.

### **What do I need to provide for a garden budget?**

Your garden budget is an estimated breakdown of what you plan to purchase if you are awarded the grant. This is to ensure that you plan to spend the grant monies according to our guidelines. Please review the list of allowable and non-allowable purchases before submitting your budget. If you are awarded a grant, however, you are not bound by the budget you submitted.

### **Why do I need to submit a W-9 form and who needs to complete it?**

A W-9 for the school is needed for accounting purposes to verify the school's tax status in the event you are awarded the grant and a check is issued. Generally someone within school administration can complete and sign the form.

### **Why do I need to submit a letter of support from our principal?**

We want to ensure that your school administration is on board with your plans for a school garden. We would hate to award your school a grant and find out that administration won't accept the money so we ask that you show support in the form of a simple letter from the school principal.

*Didn't find the answer to your question? Contact us directly at [wgf@wga.com](mailto:wgf@wga.com) and we'll be happy to assist.*