



Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association

WIMGA Educational Grant Criteria

WIMGA awards several grants annually to Master Gardener Associations to aid in their efforts of community education. Applications for each of the three levels of funding are due by October 1 (postmark date) of each year. **Electronic submissions are recommended.** It is highly encouraged that only one person from each association be responsible for applying for the grants.

The following conditions apply to all grant applications submitted:

- Applications will only be accepted from WIMGA Member Associations (no outside organizations or individual Master Gardener members)
- All grant applications must be signed and emailed (preferred method), texted or mailed to the WIMGA Finance Committee Chairman: Roseann Meixelsperger,
204 Donovan Cove Road
Shell Lake, WI 54871
Electronic applications are preferred. Send to treasurer.wimga@gmail.com
or text to (608) 332-1622
- Associations may apply for more than one grant but may only submit one application per grant category (monetary level).
- An association may not submit an application in each category for the same things (i.e., you must be creative and submit a different project for each grant category that you are applying for).
- No association will receive more than two educational grants from WIMGA per year. (However, if sufficient grant applications are not received in each monetary level, the Finance Committee has the discretion to award an association a third grant provided they applied in all three grant levels.)
- The Finance Committee's decision on the grant award will be final and associations will be notified by November 15.
- Each association that receives a grant will be responsible for submitting a written report about how the grant was used. The progress report may be submitted electronically to the WIMGA Treasurer by July 31 of the following year.
- Reports should be at least one page long, and include a description of the project, what the grant money was used for, how that enhanced the project and how the project impacted the community. The article should preferably be written in narrative style – like a story for a newspaper – and emphasize how the grant money made a difference. Photographs are encouraged.
- Associations that do not submit a report will not be eligible for grants for the following two years.
- If grant money cannot or is not used for the specified project, it must be returned to WIMGA. Returning a grant will not affect eligibility for future grants.

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Factors determining awarding of the grants:

- The number of participants who will benefit from the program. Will space be available for the general public? Will other Associations be notified about the program and be allowed to attend.
- Would there be a fee charged? This would be considered positive in that an association would be trying to recharge its treasury from offering the program.
- What would be the quality of the program and is there a need for the program?
- How would the Master Gardener Program be impacted locally, regionally and statewide?

Applications for each of the Grant Categories: [WIMGA Grants](#)

- **\$100 Application**
- **\$250 Application**
- **\$400 Application**

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