

Mountain Laurel Chapter Youth Planting for Nature Grant



NEW PROGRAM TO FUND HABITAT CREATION USING NATIVE PLANTS FOR EDUCATION

Schools, nature centers, public and non-profit organizations in Connecticut and Rhode Island are invited to apply for the Wild Ones Mountain Laurel Chapter's new Youth Planting for Nature Grant (YPN).

Up to \$500 per grant will be awarded for the purchase of native plants and seeds to aid in establishing or enhancing a hands-on educational area while encouraging the engagement of young people and community in improving local ecosystems.

YPN grant projects should engage children and teens (preschool through high school). Projects must have a designated and sustainable site, preferably with public access. The grant project should be developed locally with community and volunteer support. Applicants may request up to \$500 to purchase native plants and seeds for the grant year. Additional project costs should be funded through other sources, matching funds or donations.

In addition to a cash award, the grant recipient(s) will receive a complimentary one-year membership to Wild Ones and the electronic quarterly, the "Wild Ones Journal." The Mountain Laurel Chapter will also publicize the project and grant award.

The application deadline is November 15, 2020.

The award recipient(s) will be announced in mid-February 2021.

For more information and application materials, email wild.native.plants@gmail.com and type "YPN Grant" in the Subject line.

Wild Ones (www.wildones.org) is a national 501(c)(3) organization with over 50 chapters across the United States that promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to sustain biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. The Mountain Laurel Chapter is based in New London, CT and sponsored by the Connecticut College Arboretum. Our chapter provides mentoring and learning opportunities for those new to gardening with native plants through our educational programming and community of native plant enthusiasts. Most of our educational programs, field trips and other activities are free and open to the public.