

**Native Plant Society of Texas
Boerne Chapter
Native Plant Watch Grant
Pilot Program**

The mission of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) is “To promote research, conservation and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example.”

The (NPSOT) Boerne Chapter will award one or more grants to Elementary or Middle School teachers in the Boerne Independent School District (BISD) for projects related to educating students about the conservation, value or use of Texas native plants and native-plant habitats of Texas. The name of the program is Native Plant Watch.

Awards

The total money available for the NPSOT (Boerne) Native Plant Watch Grant Program for the 2009-2010 school year is \$500. Although more than one grant may be awarded, the sum of all grants will not exceed \$500. A school may receive only one grant during a school year.

Administration

Administration of the NPSOT (Boerne) Native Plant Watch Grant Program is under the direction of the NPSOT (Boerne) Education Committee composed of the Education (chair) and four members of NPSOT (Boerne). This committee will screen applications and recommend to the chapter's board which projects should be awarded funding. A project in which the funds will be used to purchase items which have utility for more than a single school year will be given additional credit in the selection process. Final approval of the grant will be made by vote of the NPSOT (Boerne) Board.

Qualifications

An applicant must be an elementary or middle school teacher in a public school in BISD and must be responsible for teaching public school students in a science or environmental curriculum.

Follow-Up

A teacher receiving a Native Plant Watch grant will be required to report either in writing or orally as requested on the benefits of the grant in helping teach the conservation, value or use of Texas native plants.

Application

Application for the NPSOT (Boerne) Native Plant Watch grant is made by submitting:

- 1) a *completed application form*,
- 2) one *letter of recommendation* of the project from the science coordinator of the district or from the principal of the school where the applicant is employed.

Completed application with required attachment should be sent to
Native Plant Society of Texas (Boerne Chapter)
105 Clear Creek Circle
Boerne, TX 78006

Deadline

Completed application with the letter of recommendation may be sent to NPSOT (Boerne) any time before February 1, 2010. The successful applicant(s) will be notified within 30 days after the application is received.

To download the application form in MS Word doc format, visit www.npsot.org/Boerne.

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NATIVE PLANT WATCH Grant Application

Personal Data

Teacher Name _____

School Name _____

Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Grade Teaching _____

Experience teaching science or environmental studies curriculum

Research Project

In your own words, please briefly describe your project and how it will support or aid you in educating your students in the conservation, value or use of Texas native plants and native-plant habitats of Texas. Be sure to include a tentative budget and describe how funds from the NPSOT (Boerne) Native Plant Watch grant will be spent. If appropriate, describe how the project will contribute to your teaching about native plants and to student learning in subsequent years.

Full amount requested in this grant application (maximum \$500) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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