



Richland Soil and Water Conservation District



2016-2017 Conservation Education and Clean Stream Columbia Mini-Grants

Columbia, SC--Faculty and staff members of public, private, and alternative schools in Richland County are eligible to apply for up to \$500 in funding to support campus conservation projects and youth environmental education initiatives through Conservation Education Mini-Grants and Clean Stream Columbia Awards. Two award cycles are available: applications received by **October 7, 2016** will be considered for fall 2016 funding; applications received by **February 3, 2017** will be considered for spring 2017 funding. Project work and the expenditure of funds must be completed by June 15, 2017.

Mini-Grants may be used to support conservation-related student projects including, but not limited to, outdoor classrooms, school gardens, nature trails, wildlife habitats, rain barrels, composting initiatives, air quality campaigns, litter clean-ups, rain gardens, erosion control, and stream bank restoration. Awards are competitive and proposals will be evaluated on the project's conservation impact, feasibility, student and community involvement, and educational outcomes.

All schools located in Richland County (including the City of Columbia) are eligible to compete for Conservation Education Mini-Grants; schools located in the City of Columbia are also eligible to compete for Clean Stream Columbia Awards for certain projects that promote, protect or improve water quality. Funding for these awards is provided by the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Columbia. For more information, contact Chanda Cooper at (803) 576-2084 or cooperc@rcgov.us.



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Applicant's name and title/position:

E-mail address:

Phone #:

School:

Is the school physically located in the City of Columbia? Yes No

(If you are unsure, visit <http://gis.columbiasc.gov/cocinfo/> and enter the school's street address in the search box on the right side of the page. If the address is located within the City limits, a "City Information" box in the lower left-hand corner will state "Am I within the City Limit? Yes.")

Principal's name:

Principal's e-mail address:

Principal's signature: _____

By signing above, I agree to allow the proposed project to be completed or installed on campus.

3. Funding: If your project will cost more than \$500 (the maximum amount of the mini-grant), how will the rest of the project be funded?

4. Project timeline: Describe your project's timeline.

5. Student Involvement:

a. How *many* students will be involved with this project? List by grade.

b. *How* will students be involved with this project?

6. Collaboration: Describe if and how other faculty members, staff, parents, project mentors, or community volunteers will be involved with the project.

7. Educational Outcomes: How will this project enhance student learning? If appropriate, include any state or local academic standards this project will be used to address.

8. Optional Supporting Materials: You are welcome but not required to submit photographs with captions, letters of support, or other materials demonstrating why your project deserves to receive a Conservation Education Mini-Grant.

Submit your application and any optional supporting materials by US Mail, E-mail, fax, or hand delivery to:

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Application Deadlines:
October 7, 2016 and February 3, 2017