



Manasota FNGLA School Grant Program FALL 2026-2027

The Manasota FNGLA is pleased to offer grants to elementary, middle, and high schools that are incorporating horticulture into student learning. Grant money range depending on project scope and needs. In previous years it has averaged between \$250-\$3,000 per school. Our goal is to support hands-on, engaging learning experiences that introduce students to horticulture, agriculture, and related industries. This application is open to all schools in Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto Counties. Projects that focus on ornamental plants and related fields will have priority. We are NOT accepting applications for hydroponic projects at this time.

Application Timeline

Applications Open: August 10th, 2026

Applications Close: September 18th, 2026

Projects Must Be Completed By: May 31, 2027

SECTION 1 — School & Teacher Information

- School Name: _____
- School Type (Elementary / Middle / High School):

- Teacher Name: _____
- Grade(s) Taught: _____
- Subject(s) Taught: _____
- Teacher Email: _____
- Teacher Phone Number: _____
- School Principal Name: _____
- Principal Contact Information: _____
- Bookkeeper Name: _____
- Bookkeeper Contact Information: _____

SECTION 2 — Project Snapshot

In 2–3 sentences, briefly describe your project idea.

Example: Mrs. Kay's 5th grade class will create a butterfly garden to learn about pollinators, insect lifecycles, and native plants. Students will raise Monarch butterflies and release them into the garden after observing the full lifecycle

Project Description:

What activities will students participate in? (Circle all that apply)

- ☐ Planting/Gardening
- ☐ Floral Design
- ☐ Pollinator/Insect Study
- ☐ Agriculture Technology
- ☐ Food Crops/Vegetables
- ☐ Landscape Design
- ☐ Environmental Science
- ☐ Other: _____

Approximately how many students will participate?

- ☐ 1-25
- ☐ 26-50
- ☐ 51-100
- ☐ 100+

Which best describes your project?

- ☐ New classroom project
- ☐ Expanding an existing project
- ☐ School garden improvement
- ☐ Agriculture/Horticulture program expansion

SECTION 3 — Student Impact

1. What do you hope students will learn from this project?

2. What is one measurable goal for your project?

Examples:

- Students will install a landscape in the courtyard with identification tags to learn plant ID.
- 75 students will participate in hands-on planting activities to improve school landscape.
- Students will install and maintain a butterfly garden to assist the pollinators.

Goal: _____

3. How will you know the project was successful? (Circle all that apply)

- ☐ Student participation
- ☐ Completed garden/project
- ☐ Student presentations
- ☐ Harvest/results
- ☐ Photos/documentation

SECTION 4 — Budget Request

Please provide a brief estimate of materials or supplies needed.

Item Needed	Estimated Cost

Total Requested: \$_____

If requesting more than \$1,000, briefly explain why additional funding is needed:

SECTION 5 — Project Timeline

Estimated project start:

- ☐ Fall
- ☐ Winter
- ☐ Spring

Expected completion month: _____

Briefly list the major project steps:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Grant Recipient Expectations

- Use funds for horticulture or agriculture-related learning projects
- Submit receipts after purchases are completed
- Share at least 2 project updates during the school year
- Each update should include 1-2 paragraphs and 2-3 photos
- Complete projects by May 31, 2027

We love celebrating classroom success stories and may feature projects on our website and social media. If project plans change during the school year, simply communicate with us so we can support you.

Submission Information

Please submit completed applications and questions to:

Manasota FNGLA

Email: manasotafngla@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 4973 Lorraine Rd. Bradenton, FL 34211

Thank you for supporting agricultural and horticultural education in our schools!

****PLEASE NOTE: If you do not fulfill the requirements of the grant, you will forfeit any opportunity to receive another grant from Manasota FNGLA. All checks should be deposited no later than December 1st, 2026.**

