

Grant Program

Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners in Partnership with K-State Extension

The Extension Master Gardeners (EMG) of Shawnee County, KS announce the availability of grant funds that support our mission – “Improving our community through horticulture.”

Eligibility

Any classroom teacher in Shawnee County at the elementary, middle, or high school level may apply for a grant either to begin or to support an existing school horticultural project such as a vegetable, fruit, or pollinator garden.

Criteria

The SCEMG Grant Committee will evaluate applications based on these criteria:

- Relevance to our mission statement
- Development or improvement of school gardens and grounds or classroom curriculum
- Feasibility of completing the project within the timeline
- Sustainable gardening practices such as water conservation, building healthy soil, and integrated pest management
- Institutional support for maintaining the project beyond the year of the grant

The Grants

The amount of each grant will not exceed \$500.00. Funds may be requested for a wide variety of gardening projects. These are only a few examples:

- Garden construction materials, including hardscape
- Compost, seeds, plants, tools, hoses, soil amendments
- Curriculum materials that would utilize a garden as a classroom

Application deadline is October 17, 2025 Grant recipients will be notified by October 31, 2025 regarding the status of their application. Grant funds must be used by March 31, 2026. Any remaining funds should be returned to Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners.

Grant recipients should submit an end-of-the-year report describing how the grant supported their gardening program. In addition, this report should list items purchased and their cost. Recipients will receive a form to use for this report.

How to Apply

The grant application form is available on the Shawnee County Extension website:

<https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/Grant%20Application%202025%20-%20fillable.pdf>

Applicants may print the form, type or neatly print, and mail to:

Grant Committee
Shawnee County Extension Office
1740 SW Western Ave. Topeka, KS
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Or applicants may email the completed form to:

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