



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Pollinator Habitat Education Program



Sand County Foundation's Pollinator Habitat Education Program gives students hands-on experience growing and planting native wildflowers, restoring critical habitat while building practical conservation skills and a genuine connection to the natural world.

We offer two opportunities: the **Seed Starter Activity**, a beginner-friendly entry point for grades K-12, and the **Pollinator Habitat Grant**, a more in-depth opportunity for high schools ready to design and maintain a larger native habitat site.



	Seed Starter Activity (Grades K-12)	Pollinator Habitat Grant (Grades 9-12)
When to Apply:	Non-competitive: Apply between September-December 2026	Competitive: Apply by May 2026
Project Timeline:	December 2026-June 2027	June 2026-June 2027
Eligible Applicants:	Educators in: IA, IL, MI, MN, & WI.	Educators in: IA, IL, MI, MN, & WI.
Ideal for Teachers with:	- Limited experience with native plants - Younger students (K-6) - No/limited access to greenhouse/grow lights	- Experience with native plants (completed Seed Starter Activity) - High School students - Access to greenhouse/grow lights
You Receive:	FREE native wildflower seeds - Guidance and instructions	- FREE native wildflower seeds - Guidance and instructions - Live plants \$500 Award for project expenses \$200 Stipend for Lead Teacher
Method of Growing:	Outdoor Winter sowing (in old milk jugs)	Indoor Greenhouse or grow lights
Goals:	- Grow ≥ 100 native seedlings - Create a 100 ft² habitat planting, OR share seedlings with your community	- Grow $\geq 1,000$ native seedlings - Create a 1,000 ft² or larger habitat planting
Commitments:	Complete a Spring Report	- Attend three instructional webinars - Complete Spring Report & Final Report

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