



NATURE EDUCATION SMALL GRANT PROGRAM 2024 ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA, and INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Nature Education Small Grant Program provided by The Nature Education Foundation (TNEF) at the Santa Rosa Plateau, and sponsored by the **Pechanga Development Corporation** and the _____ . The application is available at <https://the-nef.org/grants-scholarships-2/>. Submit online by email to info@the-nef.org or mail to: TNEF Small Grant Program, P. O. Box 941, Murrieta, CA 92564. Grant review process is administered by the Education Committee of The Nature Education Foundation at the Santa Rosa Plateau.

This small grant program is designed to support projects or programs that benefit youth in **grades 6 – 12** within the Murrieta, Temecula, Lake Elsinore, Perris, Wildomar, Menifee and Hemet/San Jacinto school district areas. New or existing programs or projects focused on ***nature, environmental and climate education*** and activities will have priority.

Awardees will be required to present their funded project/program before the TNEF Board of Directors, date and time to be determined.

Grant Amount: \$500 - \$5,000

Grant Cycle: Open March 30, 2024 and close May 15, 2024 **Funds Announced and Awarded:** June, 2024

Reporting: Awardees will be asked to prepare a ppt and/or video of your project that can be posted on the TNEF website and/or emailed to our stakeholders. In addition, you will receive a questionnaire/report summary that will be required to be eligible for subsequent grant requests.

What will be funded:

- Collaborative projects or programs with classrooms, school districts, non-profits, private and charter schools
- Programs or projects that demonstrate alignment with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math),
- Field trips/Afterschool/Weekend Projects
- Projects or programs must be focused on Climate Literacy, or Nature and Environmental Education activities
- Community Gardens, Sustainability or Conservation activities
- Project-based staff support/In-class supplies
- Projects or activities conducted on, or for the benefit of, the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve (will require project approval by State Fish & Wildlife and RivCoParks prior to funding.)

What will NOT be funded:

- Conference fees
- Political or religious initiatives

Who is eligible?

- Public, private or charter school 6-12 classroom teachers or schools
- Environmental education support groups/projects affiliated with non-profit or school programs
- Non-profit outdoor/environmental/science education providers

NOTE: Checks cannot be made payable to individuals.

TNEF Small Grant Program is funded and sponsored by:

