



NATURE EDUCATION SMALL GRANT PROGRAM 2025 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**. 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, 2025 and close May 30, 2025 **Funds Announced and Awarded:** June, 2025

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
- Day camp or overnight camping programs or excursions.

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.



NATURE EDUCATION SMALL GRANT PROGRAM 2025 APPLICATION

Grant proposals must meet the eligibility and criteria listed in the Nature Education Small Grant Program Instructions. Preferred method of submittal is by email to info@the-nef.org. **Deadline:** May 30, 2025. Submittals can also be mailed to: TNEF Grants, P. O. Box 941, Murrieta, CA 92564.

All submittals must be **typed, using 12 font**, and **not to exceed these two pages plus budget page**.

Applicant Type

☐ 501 3 c Non-Profit ☐ Public 6-12 Classroom ☐ Private/Charter School 6-12
Tax ID# _____

Organization/Affiliation Name _____ Website _____

School District ☐ Murrieta ☐ Temecula ☐ Lake Elsinore/Wildomar ☐ Perris ☐ Menifee
☐ Hemet/San Jacinto School Name: _____

Address: _____ Tele # _____ Email _____

Contact Info: Name _____ Title _____ Email _____

Address _____ Tele # _____

Program/Project Title: _____ Location: ☐ Murrieta ☐ Temecula ☐ Lake Elsinore
☐ Perris ☐ Menifee

Who will benefit from this grant? ☐ Youth grades 6- 12 ☐ Families ☐ Special Needs
☐ Community ☐ Teachers

Number of students/participants? _____

Who are the collaborative/community partners? _____

If you are a 501 3 (c), what is your organization's annual operating budget? _____

Project/Program Budget? _____ Grant request? _____ (Not to exceed \$5,000)

Project Description: Tell us what you are trying to accomplish; goals and objectives, projected outcomes and how the funds will be used.

Describe how the program/project aligns with State frameworks for EEI, NGSS and/or STEM initiatives.

Describe how the program/project will address Climate Change/Climate Literacy?

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NATURE EDUCATION SMALL GRANT PROGRAM – PROJECT BUDGET



Project Name: _____
 Total Project Budget: _____
 Amount Requested from TNEF _____
 Organization: _____
 Prepared by: _____

Line Item Description (i.e. Transportation, Chemistry Kits, Project Coordinator)	Line Item Explanation (Quantity x \$) (i.e. 1 bus x \$250, 3 Chemistry Kits x 3, Project Coordinator @ \$/hour x 10 hours)	Support from your organization A	Support from other funders B	Amount requested from TNEF C	Line Item Total (Total of A, B, C) D
TOTALS		A	B	C	TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET (ABC + D)