

Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners Association Grant Criteria Eligibility

Eligibility:

- Must be a Rockbridge County Virginia nonprofit organization including but not limited to schools, community centers, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and public libraries.
- Projects should align with RAMGA's mission statement. Examples would be native, pollinator and natural habitat planting, fruit or vegetable gardens, public gardens (vegetable and flower), raising plants for sale (4-H), composting, purchasing plant labels and gardening tools or similar that are considered to have educational value, reduce food insecurity, or have a positive environmental impact (which could include removal of invasive plants)
- Projects must not use/introduce invasive plants
- Project must take place on public or nonprofit-owned property
- Awardees are expected to provide updates and a post project presentation to the Grant Committee

Award Amount:

- Minimum of \$200.00 and maximum of \$600.00
- RAMGA reserves the right to partially fund projects
- Applications are accepted once every 3 years for repeat applicants

Application Requirements:

- Signed letter of support from School Principal for all school projects

Reporting and Compliance:

- All applications must be complete to be eligible
- Incomplete applications will be deemed to be ineligible
- Award funds are to be used solely for garden expenses including tools, plants and seeds, plant stakes and other material needed for planting
- Award funds may not be used for indirect expenses like food, travel, computers, cameras, software, speaker fees, salaries or field trips
- Awardee must complete a post award report. Failing to do so will make them ineligible for future awards.

Awardee holds full legal and financial responsibility for its project.

Applications can be sent electronically to info@ramga.org or sent via U.S. mail to Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners, PO Box 1383, Lexington, VA 24450.

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The Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners Association (RAMGA) is an organization of trained volunteers under Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. The Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners serve as an educational outreach on horticultural topics to citizens of the Rockbridge area.

RAMGA has launched a grant program for 2025 to promote horticultural education through Rockbridge and Bath County Virginia nonprofit organizations.

Award: The award of a minimum of \$200 and up to \$600 is intended to provide funding to assist nonprofit Rockbridge County Virginia organizations to gain knowledge and access to gardening and planting.

Please see the separate document on Eligibility Criteria and eligibility. The application deadline is close of business on March 15, 2025.

If you have questions, please contact RAMGA at info@ramga.org.

Completed applications can be submitted to info@ramga.org applications (grant and scholarship) or sent via U.S. mail to Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners, PO Box 1383, Lexington, VA 24450.

Timelines For Applications

- Application submittals begin February 15, 2025
- Deadline for applications March 15, 2025
- Applicants Notifications by April 1, 2025
- Final Report is due December 31, 2025 or earlier

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Grant Application

Part I

Primary Contact:

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

Email:

Phone Number:

Part II

Are you representing a nonprofit organization? YES NO

Is the project a garden for edibles, natives, pollinators, or a combo of all? YES NO

Part III

Name of Organization:

Address:

City:

Phone Number:

Organization EIN# or School NCES#:

Organization Mission:

PART IV

Provide a Description of Your Project including purpose and goals:

PART IV - Schools Only (Skip to Part VI if not school participant)

NOTE: Signed letter of support from School Principal must accompany application.

Number of Participants / Students Involved:

Number of Classrooms Involved:

How will the grant project be evaluated?

PART V - Schools Only

What are the plans to do with the plants/garden you grow? (check all that apply)

Donation to Food Bank / Cafeteria

Classroom Education

Given to Class to Take Home

Other (specify):

Part VI - Other Nonprofit Organizations (NOT Schools)

How will the Garden Project be maintained over time?

How will the Garden Grant Project be shared with the public? (check all that apply)

Press Release

Blog

Social media

Website

Other (specify)

How will the Garden Grant Project be integrated into your nonprofit organization? How will you evaluate the success of your Garden Grant Project?

You will receive confirmation that your application has been received.
All applications must be received by close of business on March 15, 2025.