



North Dakota Junior Master Gardener Program Grants

2015 Grant Application

Project name: Wyndmere Community Garden

County: Richland

Project Coordinator: Emily Lothspeich

Organization: Wyndmere FFA Chapter

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1. Briefly describe your garden project including its major goals. (150 words or less)

We plan to build the garden with raised beds to provide a large variety of produce, such as leafy greens, vine plants, herbs, root crops, and other vegetables. We will provide the people with different ideas on how to prepare them since some may not know many recipes involving fresh vegetables. This garden will promote healthier living because now the people of the community will have fresh produce available at no cost to them.

2. How will your project make a difference to its *children*? (150 words or less)

Not only would a garden give back to our community, but it would provide our FFA Chapter with a wonderful experience to gain more responsibility and bond. Plants are living things that would need to be given excellent care for them to grow properly. A garden will provide many students with the chance to have an SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) and help other people who may not be able to help themselves. Those involved will also have a chance to learn about proper care for a garden. This is very beneficial since not everyone gets the chance to work with their hands.

How will your project make a difference in your *community*? (150 words or less)

We have a fairly elderly community here in Wyndmere. If we were to start a garden, we could provide our senior citizens with fresh produce. Many of them can not move around as easily as they used to and struggle with having their own gardens. Not only would this be a great way to support them, but we are helping them out, just like they helped the community grow in previous years. Wyndmere also has many low income families who can't provide vegetables and fruit for themselves. These families would greatly benefit from a program such as this, as well as citizens who live in the city apartments. Our school's kitchen staff could also use some of the produce for making meals when school begins again in the fall.

3. Please estimate the number of participants directly involved in the project:

Young children (3–12 years old): 15

Teens (13–17 years old): 35

Adults: 16

4. Briefly list any partners (such as 4-H, FFA, school or church youth group) that are involved and their role(s) in the project:

The Wyndmere City Council is providing our group with a city lot to grow our garden on along with the water for the plants.

5. Budget

Please estimate how you plan on using the grant money if your application is accepted. Snacks, other food, labor, transportation costs, and major equipment are not allowed. See program announcement for details:

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cedar boards	\$773
Tomato cages/fencing	140
Tree	70
TOTAL	\$983

6. Reporting

Do you agree to submit a brief progress update and digital photo by June 20?

Yes No

Do you agree to complete a brief online survey and submit a digital photo by September 20?

Yes No

***For projects coordinated by organizations
outside of NDSU Extension***

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and attach to submitted application**

Please describe your Extension office's involvement in this garden program (recruiting youth, teaching, coordinating volunteers, providing meeting space). (150 words or less)

The Extension Service will provide published research and direct visits. Youth will be encouraged to take the skills they learn from gardening and apply them to real-life scenarios.

The students that would receive this grant are in Richland County. The focus is on healthy eating, increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables and to provide healthy food to the elderly and the youth.

Gardening allows students to learn through their senses. They see the produce grow, touch the plants, smell the plant, and taste the produce. Research indicates that students involved in gardening projects develop a sense of accomplishment and pride, increase fruit and vegetable consumption and may increase exercise and reduce screen time.

I support this project and will work with the coordinator to ensure a positive educational experience for the youth.

Brock Shouldis
Name of NDSU Extension Service staff

Ag and Natural Resource Extension Agent
Title

Date 1/29/2015

Mail or e-mail completed applications to NDSU Youth Garden Grants; Attn: Tom Kalb; NDSU-Extension; 3715 E. Bismarck Expressway; Bismarck, ND 58501; e-mail: tom.kalb@ndsu.edu.

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