



# North Dakota Junior Master Gardener Program Grants

## 2016 Grant Application

Project name: Nelson County Jr. Master Gardeners

County: Nelson

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

This year, we will head to the south end of the county to educate youth and get their hands in the dirt! We will be planting flower arrangements in flower pots to display throughout town on the sidewalks in front of businesses. We will also give kids a tomato plant to take home and care for throughout the summer in their own pot.

This program is designed to give children and youth the opportunity to develop hands-on skills and educate youth to help them understand the fundamentals behind plant and soil science from a horticultural point of view. Our goal is to educate youth on different kinds of flowers and ornamental plants, what plants need to flourish and grow, the relationship between a flower and a fruit and how they differ, and to nourish the importance of community service and connecting with the communities they live in.

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

For the youth to be able to see the results of their hard work right away and have an accomplished feeling of giving back to the community will be an excellent learning experience and also something that they can be proud of.

Having a tomato plant to take home will teach them responsibility and patience while caring for a plant and the reward of food (tomatoes) after care. "

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

Seeing youth be active in a community means a lot to many people, and can help strengthen the faith in our younger generations. When communities are able to work together, it creates pride and support for each other. Along with this it will brighten the sidewalks of the town, and proved to be a conversation starter last year when we did the same project in the Northern end of the county in Lakota.

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

Young children (3–12 years old): 35

Teens (13–17 years old): 8

Adults: 6

**5. Briefly list any partners** (such as 4-H, FFA, school, church, garden center, parks department) that are involved. **Briefly describe their roles in the project.** Be very brief.

- 4-H- members, parents and leaders are always welcome and may be asked to attend or volunteer.
- Aneta Community Garden coordinator Janice Mills will serve as a contact and volunteer to help spread the word.
- We will work with churches and libraries to advertise.
- Any interested garden clubs, teachers or other community members.

**6. Budget**

Please estimate how you plan on using the grant money (maximum of \$1000).

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Flower/ornamental transplants	\$400
Soil	250
Replace a few pots and take home pots	175
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$825</b>