



# Michigan Nature Association

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## Nature Field Trip Grants

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. Who may apply for the nature field trip mini-grants?

Any accredited public or private K-12 school may apply for the grants. MNA is especially interested in applications from schools in urban neighborhoods with limited ability to access natural areas.

#### 2. What can the nature field trip mini-grants be used for?

Grants can cover bus transportation and educational supplies (e.g., water test kits, field guides, binoculars, etc.) related to a field trip to a qualified natural area. Qualified natural areas include select MNA nature sanctuaries, community nature centers, and other appropriate locations.

#### 3. How much funding does each grant provide?

\$500 will be awarded per selected organization. Checks will be made out to a particular school, marked attention to a specific teacher.

#### 4. When are grant applications due and when are awards made?

For the 2017-2018 school year, the application deadline for fall field trips is September 8, 2017 and awards made by September 30. The deadline for spring field trips is February 23, 2018 with awards made by March 31.

#### 5. How do I apply?

Contact the Michigan Nature Association for an application packet. To request an application, call (866) 223-2231 or email [michigannature@michigannature.org](mailto:michigannature@michigannature.org).

#### 6. What is the review process for the grants?

A review committee of representatives from the Michigan Nature Association will select grant recipients based on the strength of their applications.

#### 7. What are the criteria MNA will review on grant applications?

Review criteria include geographic focus, clarity of rationale and connection with habitat conservation. Use of an MNA sanctuary is ideal but not required (see application for further details).

#### 8. What type of grant reporting is required?

Reports will include a 1-2 page report focused on metrics (who, what, where, number of students) and at least three photos from the event featuring students in the natural area.

#### About MNA:

The Michigan Nature Association is a nonprofit conservation organization working to protect Michigan's rare, threatened and endangered species by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.



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