



Michigan Nature Association 2019-2020 Nature Field Trip Grant Application

The Michigan Nature Association announces the availability of \$500 grants for field trips to natural areas for the 2019-2020 school year. These grants are intended to assist K-12 teachers (sorry, no Pre-K) in developing fun, educational, and hands-on field trips for teaching students about the natural environment. The grants can cover bus transportation and educational supplies for field trips to eligible natural areas, including community nature centers, MNA sanctuaries, state parks, or other conservation lands deemed suitable for field trips. MNA is especially interested in applications from schools with limited access to and ability to visit natural areas. For more information, including an FAQ and grant decision-making rubric, please visit www.michigannature.org and click on the Education tab.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: Wednesday, September 11 for 2019 fall trips; Friday, February 28 for 2020 spring trips

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Email completed application to jstoneman@michigannature.org or mail to Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos, MI 48864. An online form is available at www.michigannature.org under the Education tab.

PAYMENT: Successful applicants will receive \$400 of the \$500 grant up front. Recipients must submit photos to the Michigan Nature Association for digital and print publication. School field trip permission slips must include parental permission for distribution of photos. The remaining \$100 is paid once a final report and photos are received.

GRANT APPLICATION

~ You can complete this form or provide the same information in a separate Word document ~

CONTACT AND SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

School District: _____ School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Position Title: _____ Grade Level(s): _____

This application is for a field trip in the (check one) _____ Fall 2019 _____ Spring 2020

Have you applied for and received an MNA grant in the past? _____ If yes, what year? _____

MNA seeks to support schools with limited access to nature and/or limited ability to take field trips given financial, socioeconomic, geographic and other factors.

1. Does your school receive Title 1 funding? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Don't know

2. What percentage of students in your school are eligible for free or reduced lunches? (Check one)

_____ Less than 50% _____ 50 – 75% _____ Greater than 75%

3. What percentage of students in your school are considered economically disadvantaged (as reported to MI School Data)? (Check one) _____ Less than 50% _____ 50 – 75% _____ Greater than 75%

4. Will you be taking your students on any other field trips this year? (Check one)
 Yes Yes, but only if outside funding is available No

5. Are there any other factors you wish us to consider?

FIELD TRIP DETAILS

6. Briefly summarize your proposed field trip purpose and destination.

7. When do you plan to take the trip?

8. Please list your educational objectives for the trip and how they link to state science standards or district/school goals.

9. What planned activities will the students be engaged in during the trip? (Examples might include naturalist led walks, interactive games, water quality testing or other data collection, plant/animal identification, observational journals, stewardship or service learning projects such as planting seeds or removing invasive species).

10. Will you be conducting any pre and post classroom activities related to the trip? If so, please list.

11. Please provide a simple budget for the field trip, i.e. what specific costs (transportation, program or entry fees, supplies) would the grant cover? Sample: \$375 for bus transportation, \$75 program fees, \$50 for field guides for the classroom

12. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your class and the importance of the field trip?