



Wisconsin Schools Go Outside (G.O.) Fund

Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation (WEEF) Grant Pilot Program

Field experiences are one of the most memorable, fun, and career relevant parts of school. Teachers in Wisconsin schools, including early childhood educators, may apply to the Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation's GO Fund pilot program to receive funding for *outdoor forestry education* field experiences that support topics currently being taught in the applicant's curriculum. Teachers of all grade levels and subject areas are encouraged to apply no later than November 15, 2015 at midnight. Staff at the field study site location may apply on behalf of the teacher with the teacher's permission.

INSTRUCTIONS: 2015-16 Application Requirements and Information

- Grants are only available to teachers in Wisconsin, including early childhood educators. One application per teacher is allowed. Teacher applicant must be currently employed at the school.
- Funding for this pilot program is only available for OUTDOOR field experiences that address FORESTRY EDUCATION. All grade levels and subject areas are encouraged to apply.
- Teachers can apply directly or staff at the site location may apply on their behalf with the teacher's permission. (Indicate your organization as the "fiscal agent" in the fiscal agent section at the end of the application).
- The field study site must be in Wisconsin and can include state parks, natural areas, nature centers, and other outdoor locations.
- There is a \$500 limit per teacher. The teacher applicant must participate in the field experience with their students to be eligible for funding.
- A budget with an itemized list of expenditures to be covered by the grant must be included.
- Items eligible for funding include transportation and compensation for substitute teachers (only for those teachers who are participating in the field study with their own students). Admission fees and guest speaker costs directly related to the field study will be considered only if ample funds are available. Judges have the right to partially fund requests. Requests to provide donations at field study destinations will not be funded.
- The awarding of all grants and the amount of any grant shall be subject to the sole discretion of the WEEF G.O. Fund Review Committee.
- Field experiences must take place between January 1, 2016 and June 1, 2016. All final reports must be submitted by June 15, 2016.
- Applications must be submitted via WEEF's online application by midnight, Sunday, November 15, 2015. Notification will take place no sooner than 4 weeks after the application deadline. Applications are reviewed by a committee. No reimbursement will be made for field experiences occurring prior to grant award notification.
- Funds are awarded on a reimbursement basis to the school or sponsoring organization. Reimbursement will only occur for budget items approved by the judging committee. No reimbursement is made to individuals.

Funding is administered by the Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation thanks to a grant from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board. For additional information regarding the Wisconsin School G.O Fund, please contact Jesse.Haney@wisconsineefoundation.org.

Application outline:

Note: [Apply online here](#)

Introduction/Grant overview

Applicant Information

1. Applicant first and last name (must be teacher currently employed at school)
2. Applicant email

School Information

3. School Name, Street Address, City, and Zip Code
4. Acknowledgement that school approval will be required to receive award (check box)

Field Study Information

1. Field Study Destination
2. Destination City
3. Field Study Date (between Jan 1 – June 1, 2016)
4. Number of participating teachers, including the applicant
5. Number of students to participate (estimate)
6. Grade level(s) of students
7. Subject focus of class(es)
8. **Tell us about the field study you are planning. How will the experience address both forestry education concepts and your existing curriculum?**
9. **How will you know your field study experience was a success?**

Budget Request

10. Transportation Expenses
11. Substitute Teacher Expenses
12. Other expenses (only considered if ample funds are available)
13. Total funding requested (not to exceed total amount of \$500)

(Optional) Fiscal Agent Information

14. Fiscal Agent Organization Name
15. Fiscal Agent Contact Name
16. Fiscal Agent Contact Email
17. Fiscal Agent Organization Type