



Application Form for a School Garden Grant

School

Address

Contact Name

Telephone

Email

The Somerset Gardens Trust (SGT) is a conservation and education charity: the charitable funds that we are able to give to schools have been raised by our members through various events. The aim of the SGT grant scheme is to enhance pupils' learning and skills and stimulate an interest in gardening.

We give grants to new or renovation projects in the region of £400. All applications are reviewed by the SGT Education Group and their decision is final.

1. Please give details of your project and include (or attach) drawings showing approximate plot size; a compass point indicating north; the position of any trees or buildings which may cast shade, and photos of the proposed site. *Please use a separate sheet(s) to supplement your application if required.*

2. Your application is more likely to be successful if you can demonstrate:
- a. the children's continued involvement in the project and growth of horticultural knowledge
 - b. that your garden project is an inspiring place to support the curriculum

Please give a brief description of how this will be achieved

3. Please outline what the grant money is required for. For example, the number and types of plants, shrubs or seeds needed; measurements of timber or other building materials; pupils' tools or equipment etc. All should be costed up and a total amount given. We do not usually fund labour costs as we hope this work will be done by volunteers.

4. Please state:

- a. if you have access to gardening knowhow and experience, perhaps from a member of staff, the PTA or community involvement
- b. if plans are supported by school management, for example with timetabled use or garden clubs
- c. how the garden will be managed in the future

Successful applicants will be required to complete a brief feedback form by the end of the academic year and to acknowledge the funding from Somerset Gardens Trust (for example in the school newsletter/on the website/social media etc.). Unsuccessful applicants may still apply for grants in future.

Please return your completed application form with attachments to:

Schools@somersetgardenstrust.org.uk

All documents/diagrams/photos to be in word/pdf/jpeg format (any combination)

Deadlines for completed applications for the 2024/25 academic year:

Autumn term: Thursday 10 October 2024

Spring term: Monday 10 February 2025

Summer term: Wednesday 14 May 2025

Useful information for school gardens

[The Royal Horticultural Society Campaign for School Gardening](https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk) offers lesson plans, information sheets and activities (all free) and, if you register (which is also free), receive a welcome pack with seeds, plant labels and posters and a monthly newsletter and other benefits <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk>

[Charles Dowding](http://www.charlesdowding.co.uk/future-gardeners), the Somerset-based pioneer of modern no-dig gardening, offers very useful resources, ideas and news for those who garden with children www.charlesdowding.co.uk/future-gardeners

[Skool Beanz](http://www.skoolbeanzcic.com), a children's gardening club near Yeovil that also runs day courses for adults who want to learn how to inspire and engage children in the garden www.skoolbeanzcic.com