

# Educational Outreach School Grant Program



## School Grant Program Overview:

### Formation of the Program

The Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society (TCSS) Board of Directors voted in May 2002 to create an Educational Outreach Program with the School Grant Program to be the first part of this new endeavor. The program has awarded several grants each year since its inception.

### Objective

The objective is to provide funds to teachers so that they have a means to help expand practical knowledge about cactus and other succulents to their students (K through 12) and community.

By making monetary grants available to teachers, (\$100 to \$500 per grant) they can obtain materials and supplies for classroom teaching and other projects such as outdoor gardens. Hopefully these can be used to assist with native plant studies or projects being integrated into core subjects such as reading, math, writing, science, geography, and social studies.

### Funding

The Educational Outreach Program is funded by educational donations to TCSS and from 25% of all TCSS Cactus Rescue Crew sales profits. The Cactus Rescue Crew is a TCSS volunteer project to save cacti destined to be destroyed due to clearing land for new development. These cacti are sold to members and the public for a small profit.

### Partnering

The TCSS is an all volunteer non-profit (501(c)3) organization which includes individuals that are commercial plant growers, educators, scientists, engineers, and business people as well as avid cactus & succulent hobbyists. Many of these individuals are available to assist with technical advice or in other ways. Teachers many want to tap into on this vast pool of knowledge and skills.

## School Grant Program Logistics:

### Schools Eligible to Participate

All Elementary, Middle, and High Schools in Arizona are eligible to participate. All that is needed to get started is a Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society Grant Proposal Request Form. This form is available for printing from our web site listed below. It has the conditions and details listed on the top of the form.

### Process

A teacher who wishes to participate writes a simple grant request proposal which pertains to cactus and succulents in some manner. A grant outline is provided (Grant Request Form) and is submitted to TCSS by Email or to our PO Box listed below and also listed on the form. The request will be reviewed and judged by a TCSS panel who will provide recommendations to the TCSS Board of Directors.

Criteria used will include such items as: how many students will be impacted, can the program be used in subsequent years, how does it integrate with improving knowledge and/or skills in core subjects, and how creative is the project or plans. All proposals will be reviewed within 4 to 6 weeks and presented to our TCSS Board for approval or denial. If approved a check will be mailed to the applicant within 2 to 4 weeks.

### Contact Information

For School Grant Program Questions/Suggestions:  
Email: Schools @ TucsonCactus.org

See our Web site for more TCSS information:  
[www.TucsonCactus.org](http://www.TucsonCactus.org)

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