



TO GET OUTSIDE!

NHEE'd to Get Outside Grant Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

This grant is open to NH schools or 501(c)3 non-profit organizations to provide students hands-on, experiential, outdoor learning opportunities. Students are defined as anyone participating in a learning experience regardless of age.

Why don't you fund garden projects?

There are other grant programs in the state that fund pollinator and vegetable gardens. Click here for more information: <https://nhee.org/resources>

While we do not fund requests for starting school gardens or improving school grounds we will fund purchasing materials to support outdoor learning in these spaces. For example, we *would* consider a grant request to purchase butterfly nets to study the butterflies that appear in an *existing* school garden.

Why can't I include staff time in my budget?

The amount of funds that NHEE has available to give away each year is small and we want this money to go directly towards outdoor learning experiences for students.

Why don't you support other organizations' scholarship funds?

We do not fund requests for providing scholarships to other organization's programs because we fund direct requests for outdoor learning experiences. For example, if a non-profit wanted to bolster their own scholarship fund to give to folks who want to take a field trip there we would not consider that. However, we do encourage organizations to point schools & camps towards the NHEE'd to Get Outside Grant to apply directly to *us* to fund that field trip or program to their organization.

How much can I apply to put towards large overnight trips?

We are receiving more requests to fund overnight trips to places like Nature's Classroom and Merrowvista. We will only consider covering the transportation costs for these requests.

Why am I required to submit a grant report if I receive funding?

Grant reports help us tell the story about how impactful these outdoor learning experiences are in order to raise more money to get even more NH students outside. If we do not receive a report then that school or organization will not be able to receive funding the following grant round. After one year of ineligibility that organization would be allowed to apply again. Reports should be submitted no later than one month after the outdoor learning experiences occur. If an extension is needed, a request must be submitted to NHEE and approved.

Can I apply for funding for the same outdoor learning experience year after year?

Each year, NHEE receives more and more requests for funding. Due to this we are limiting the number of times an organization/school can receive funding to no more than 3 years in a row for the same outdoor learning experience.

There are multiple teachers at my school who want to apply for funding, how does that work?

Due to an increase in applicants we will now only fund one request per organization/school. If there are multiple teachers who are interested in applying for funding please submit that as one application.

We created a new rubric to be more transparent in how we are evaluating proposals.

Please use this rubric to help you prepare your application. Follow this link:

https://nhee.org/sites/default/files/Rubric_%20NHEEd%20to%20Get%20Outside.pdf