

## **Audubon Society of Kalamazoo Education Grant Program**

The Audubon Society of Kalamazoo is dedicated to bird and wildlife conservation, nature education and outdoor recreation. *These grants are made available through a generous bequest from Virginia Maxwell.*

**Purpose of Grants:** To provide financial assistance that will help students learn about and experience the natural world. Projects need not be directly related to birds. However, preference will be given to projects that include birds and/or outdoor experiences.

**Eligibility:** Applicant may be an educator, student (with an adult school-related sponsor), volunteer, support staff or paraprofessional working with elementary and middle school students in a school setting within the following public school districts: Climax-Scotts, Comstock, Galesburg-Augusta, Gull Lake, Kalamazoo, Mattawan, Otsego, Parchment, Plainwell, Portage, Schoolcraft, Vicksburg. One grant is available per classroom/group per school year. Note: The grant money will be awarded to the sponsoring organization (a school, for example) and earmarked for the specific project.

**Grant Amount:** Up to \$1,000.00 per project. Approximately \$10,000 is available in this round, for the 2017/2018 school year.

**Eligible Expenses:** Eligible expenses related to the overall project may include speaker fees, entrance fees, materials, or transportation.

**Application Deadline:** Application **deadline is September 30, 2017.** Grants will be announced **by October 15, 2017.** If you applied last year, be sure to use the current application, not last year's.

**Requirements:** A status report of the project is required within 12 months after grant funds are dispersed. E-mail the report to Ilse Gebhard, Committee Chair, at [gebhard.else@gmail.com](mailto:gebhard.else@gmail.com) or mail to Grant Program, Audubon Society of Kalamazoo, P.O. Box 19333, Kalamazoo, MI 49019-0333.

- If the project has not been completed by this date, please indicate that it is ongoing and give a summary of work that has been completed to date.
- If the project has been completed, please prepare a brief report outlining the project outcomes. A variety of media for this final report may include writing, artwork, photos and/or videos and should be available for potential public display.

**To apply:** E-mail application to Ilse Gebhard, Committee Chair, at [gebhard.else@gmail.com](mailto:gebhard.else@gmail.com) or mail to Grant Program, Audubon Society of Kalamazoo, P.O. Box 19333, Kalamazoo, MI 49019-0333

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**2017/2018 APPLICATION**

Project Title:
Project Coordinator's Name:
Grade Level(s):
School Name:
School Address, City and Zip:
Applicant E-mail Address:
Grant Amount Requested:
Project or Activity Description: Please provide a descriptive <u>brief summary</u> of the project, including what you want to do and how you are going to do it. Attach a page if necessary.
Outcomes: Please describe what you hope to accomplish as a result of this project.
Project Budget: Please itemize expenses as closely as possible.

Project Applicant's Signature and Date:

Official's Signature (e.g. principal) \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name (clearly printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Address the check is to be sent to \_\_\_\_\_

ASK Approval (Committee Chair Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_