



OZARK SOCIETY YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM

The Ozark Society is a non-profit organization established in Arkansas in 1962 to protect the Buffalo River and its surrounding wilderness area from development, thus allowing it to remain a free-flowing and scenic river. Today, the Ozark Society continues to advocate for conservation of natural resources, preservation of scenic places, and environmental education.

The Youth Grant Program (K through 12th grade) was initiated in 2020. The purpose of this program is to support youth engagement and participation in conservation and environmental education projects. Since inception, the program has awarded a total of \$53,000 to 33 projects with 7,500 youth participants from Kindergarten to 12th grade.

Who are beneficiaries of Youth Grants? Grants from \$500 - \$3,000 are awarded to conservation and environmental programs in schools or small non-profit organizations from any region in which there is an active Ozark Society Chapter including central and northwest Arkansas, Springfield Missouri and north Louisiana

What types of projects are awarded? Proposals should focus on some aspect of conservation or environmental education, which aligns with principles of the Ozark Society. Examples of more specific focus for a project are: water quality/stream restoration, preservation of wild spaces or natural resources, native plant gardens and native tree projects, habitat restoration, sustainability projects, enhancement of access to nature, and unique/innovative projects that address local environmental problems.

How can you support youth engagement in conservation?

How will sponsors be recognized? only on youth grant stuff All donors will be recognized in the OS Youth Grant Annual Report.

Donors \$500 name recognition on youth grant annual report Annual PP list of supporters

Donors \$1000 name of youth grant website page and annual report

Donors of \$2,500 will be listed in the annual report, webpage with logo OS website Youth Grant Page. logo and social media post with all donor 4 times a year.

Supporters of \$5,000 will be customized will be listed in the annual report in both the quarterly OS newsletter Pack and Paddle and on the OS website Youth Grant Page. Additional recognition in individual social media os followers social media announcements.

Sponsors of 5 year commitment of \$15,000 will receive naming privileges in partnership with Ozark Society

To discuss sponsorship; Please reach out to Brian Thompson or Lowell Collins



