



Butterfly garden funding available for local schools!

Thanks to the Alliant Energy Foundation, the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin's Go Outside Fund has additional funding available to create or enhance butterfly gardens at local schools within Alliant Energy's service area!

To apply, submit a GO Fund [application](#) by **March 31st**. Your application should include the following information:

- Confirm your school is located within Alliant Energy's [service area](#).
- Describe the plant species you plan to use. Gardens must be made up of native plants, and include a mix of both milkweed and nectar plants. The following guidelines provide some options for native plants:
 - o [WDNR's Simple Steps to Help Pollinators](#)
 - o [The Field Museum's Creating Monarch Habitat in Your Midwestern Garden](#)
 - o [Xerces' Pollinator Plants Great Lakes Guide](#)
 - o [Pollinator Partnership's Eco-Regional Planting Guides](#)
 - o [WDNR's Native Plant Recommendations for Landscaping](#)
- Describe methods you will use to create and protect butterfly habitat (for example, ensuring the plants you include will be in bloom throughout the season; minimal or no pesticide use; avoiding mowing during peak pollinator season; providing water; etc.). Learn more about best practices for schoolyard butterfly gardens from the [Monarch Joint Venture](#) and the [National Wildlife Federation](#).
- Describe how you will use the schoolyard butterfly garden for teaching (learn more about [curriculum ideas](#), and [citizen science projects](#)).

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