



SHENANDOAH CHAPTER VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
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## COMMUNITY NATIVE PLANT AWARD - SHENANDOAH CHAPTER REGION, VA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2026

### INTRODUCTION

The Virginia Native Plant Society (VNPS), founded in 1982, is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving Virginia's wild native plants and their habitats. The Shenandoah Chapter is the Western chapter of VNPS.

In 2026, the VNPS Shenandoah Chapter will award a total of \$1,000 to one or more well-defined projects located within the Virginia counties of Augusta, Highland, Page, Rockingham, or Shenandoah that address the [VNPS Mission and Goals](#).

Grants will be awarded to projects that incorporate one or more of the following themes:

- Conserving native plant communities in their natural habitats through conservation and land stewardship practices.
- Educating the public about the value of native plants and how to encourage them.
- Establishing gardens, preserves, or parks that incorporate native plants.
- Projects that incorporate public education or consistent, current and long-term public access will be given priority.

### GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, submit a written proposal to [shenandoahchapter@gmail.com](mailto:shenandoahchapter@gmail.com) that includes the information listed below. Write "VNPS Shenandoah Grant Proposal" in the subject line. Please combine all the parts of the application into a single PDF file. Each page should include the name of the applicant, proposal title, and a page number. The proposal page limit is 4 pages plus a summary cover letter that outlines the project idea and scope. The project must be based in Augusta, Highland, Page, Rockingham, or Shenandoah counties, or in the cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, or Waynesboro, Virginia.

1. The name of the applicant, whether you are applying as an individual or public or private organization, and where the project is located within the chapter region.
2. Name and email address of contact person.
3. The amount of funding requested. Applicants may request up to the total award amount of \$1,000.
4. A description of the activities and tasks that will be accomplished during the project and by whom. Provide a timeline with milestones and completion dates.
5. Plans for evaluating the project's results.



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6. A description of the project deliverables. Deliverables must include: an article for our VNPS Shenandoah newsletter; updates for our monthly Board Meetings; a final report; diagrams, plant lists, and other deliverables to be negotiated.
7. A detailed financial plan. Include a breakdown of costs and the total cost, any other funding sources, and provisions for contingencies.
8. Plans for sustaining the project after grant funds expire.

#### DEADLINE

**Grant proposals must be submitted by 11:59 PM on June 8th, 2026.**

Please direct any questions about the application process or grant guidelines to Anna Maria Johnson, Chapter President, at [shenandoahchapter@gmail.com](mailto:shenandoahchapter@gmail.com).