**GINNY SAYLOR RESEARCH GRANT**

Background and Scope:

* The Arizona Native Plant Society is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote knowledge, appreciation, conservation, and restoration of Arizona's native plants and their habitats.
* The research grant has been established through generous bequests from long-time member Ginny Saylor.
* The research grant is intended to support the costs of active research in the biology of native plants of the Southwestern United States, principally Arizona and northern Mexico.
* One grant totaling $2,000 will be made each year for the next 3 years. The deadline for submission of grant proposals is March 31, 2015.

Description and Purpose:

* Recognizing the importance of active research on Arizona’s native flora, the Tucson Chapter will award in 2015 one $2,000 research grant to an individual, group, or institution to support research that enhances our understanding of native plants of Arizona and northwestern Mexico.
* The grant may be used to fund the entire cost of a project or to supplement the cost of a project receiving other funding.
* Researchers from all levels of expertise are encouraged to participate (individuals, teachers on behalf of school children, undergraduate and graduate students, professional researchers, etc.).
* Members of the AZNPS are encouraged to participate but membership in AZNPS is not a requirement.
* We encourage projects that include a citizen-science component.
* The grant recipient will be expected to either make a presentation to the Tucson Chapter on the results of the research, or provide a short article for the AZNPS Plant Press.

Restriction:

* This grant is for research on native plants, not exotic species or the relationship of exotics to native plants.
* Funds are for research only and may not be used to attend conferences or symposia.
* Support by the AZNPS Tucson Saylor Research Grant should be acknowledged in any papers, reports, projects, and/or presentations.
* Supplanting existing funding with this grant is not allowed.

Due Date:

Complete proposals must be received by AZNPS-Tucson Chapter by 12:00 PM, March 31, 2015. Late proposals will not be considered.

Submit proposals one of two ways:

* Electronically in Microsoft Word, or PDF form to Larry Norris at llnorris@email.arizona.edu. Subject line should include “Publication Grant.”
* By mail to Publication Grant, AZNPS-Tucson Chapter, Box 41206, Sun Station, Tucson, AZ 85717

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**Application**

**Cover Letter**

Include a basic one-page cover letter that states the amount requested and provides a highly abbreviated description of the project.

**Proposal Narrative**

Submit a proposal narrative, not exceeding 1,500 words, with 1-inch margins, at-least 10-point font, and single line spacing. The narrative should focus on the grant request and should include the following:

1. Contact information:

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2. Title of the research project

3. Description of the research project and its relation to the applicant

1. discuss the need/issue
2. indicate the applicant’s relevant experience in addressing the issue or need.
3. research methods
4. project goals

4. Benefits expected from the research

5. Proposed use of requested funds.

6. Desired outcomes and plans for achieving them.

7. Plans for assessing progress toward goals including:

1. criteria for success/progress and the process for measuring effectiveness.
2. plan for assessing overall projected outcomes.

8. Project timeline.

9. Budget and Fundraising strategy to include:

1. expenses and sources of committed and anticipated revenue.
2. plans for generating other revenue and identify targeted private and public-sector sources.

10. Targeted audience and geographic area to be served by this project/program.

11. Anticipated publication or other dissemination plans

**Proposal Attachments**

1. Resume of principal investigator
2. Letter of support.
3. Letters of agreement, if collaborating with another organization.