



## NatureHood Project Application



The Children's Forest of Central Oregon, with support from Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests, has project funding set aside that is dedicated to assisting schools with the development of student-created projects to be built or placed in local parks or schoolyards. These areas will be designated as *NatureHoods* and serve as a reminder to the children to always be students and stewards of the places where they live and learn.

NatureHood projects should improve habitat, promote stewardship, enhance visitor experiences in local parks, or improve access for students to have outdoor educational experiences. Projects will vary depending on student age, interest, and site. Examples of past and/or potential projects include birdhouses and batboxes, bilingual interpretive signs with student artwork, pollinator gardens, monarch waystations, and trails. The Children's Forest NatureHoods Coordinator can provide assistance in planning and coordinating projects. For example, if you would like to plant a pollinator garden in your schoolyard, we can provide a list of native plants needed, order plants, and connect with local specialists to enhance the educational experience for students.

To apply for NatureHood Project funding, please complete the brief application below. It can be completed by teachers and/or students, but we encourage as much student involvement as possible. The process to receive funding and implement projects will vary based on the project location. If the project is in a schoolyard, the teachers will need to obtain permission from school facilities staff and/or administration for the project. If the project is in a local park, the Children's Forest will work with the local park and recreation district to obtain permission and coordinate the project.

The funding cap for an individual school is \$1000. Any Central Oregon school may apply. **Please return completed applications to Marissa Haarmann at [marissa@childrensforestco.org](mailto:marissa@childrensforestco.org).**

We appreciate your interest in creating a NatureHood and look forward to implementing student ideas!

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| <b>School:</b>      | <b>Teacher Contact:</b> |
| <b>Grade Level:</b> | <b>Email:</b>           |

**Please give a description of your project.**

**What is the desired project location?** (schoolyard or park)

If in your schoolyard, do you have permission from your district facilities department and/or principal?

If in a local park, do you have easy access to the park with your students?

**What is the estimated cost of the project? Please provide a simple project budget listing materials needed and estimated cost.**

**What is the expected timeline for completion of the project?**

**How will the implementation of this project promote outdoor learning and/or habitat improvement at your school for students and visitors?**