



## 2016 Grant Application Guidelines

### **Grant Value:**

Up to \$1500.00 will be awarded for approved projects to qualified domestic 501(c)(3) organizations. *We are unable to provide grants to foreign organizations (outside the US) or domestic 501(c)(3) organizations who contribute money to foreign organizations at this time.*

### **Application Timeline:**

Grant proposals must be received by April 23, 2016. Please mail completed grant applications and all supporting documents to: The Green Shanny Foundation 483 Tibet Road Columbus, Ohio 43202. *Awards will be announced by April 30, 2016 via email and on our website: [www.GreenShannyFoundation.org](http://www.GreenShannyFoundation.org)*

**For more information or questions regarding the Grant Application:** Call 440-477-0142 or (614) 314-8961 or email: [info@GreenShannyFoundation.org](mailto:info@GreenShannyFoundation.org).

**About The Green Shanny Foundation:** The Green Shanny Foundation was started in 2010 by family and friends of environmentalist Shannon Harps in an effort to carry on her legacy. Shannon was a Sierra Club activist who organized events that were instrumental in growing the Sierra Student Coalition Northwest and the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement in Seattle, Washington. She felt strongly about green energy and worked tirelessly to find alternative transportation solutions that would minimize our nation's carbon footprint specifically in Columbus, Ohio and Seattle, Washington. Not only did Shannon work effectively to influence public policy regarding environmental issues, but she also encouraged those of us close to her to make changes in our own lives that demonstrated our commitment to a sustainable world community. She lived her life according to the principles she espoused--a rare person who "walked her talk." The Green Shanny Foundation aspires to continue Shannon's work by fund-raising and distributing money that promotes the development of young environmental leaders, facilitates programs that educate on the development of environmental sustainability, and that support and/or advocate for green energy and alternative transportation.

**About the Grants:** It is our belief that we should **EDUCATE** today's youth on the importance of environmental issues, **INITIATE** action to work toward a more sustainable

future and **ADVOCATE** on behalf of the environmental ideals that Shannon followed in her life. The Green Shanny Foundation distributes funding that supports its mission in 3 main categories. Eligibility for each category of grant is listed below:

**1. Grants that educate today's youth on the importance of environmental issues and or develop their potential as future environmental leaders.**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Youth ages 5 - 25 who have demonstrated an interest in environmental issues concomitant with leadership potential, qualities or capabilities may be recommended by the general public to attend a program or camp that spends a significant portion of its time:

- a. Developing leadership or team-building skills
- b. Educating on environmental issues
- c. Promoting sustainable, green energy or alternative transportation and/or
- d. Developing youth as environmental leaders.

The Green Shanny Foundation will distribute funds on behalf of youth to the specific organization, camp or school program that meets the above criteria and as evidenced by documentation regarding said program which must be included in the grant application.

**2. Grants that initiate action to work toward a more sustainable future, green energy or alternative transportation.**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Schools, organizations, camps, government agencies or other 501 (c)(3) organizations. We do not provide funds to individuals, only organizations.

**3. Grants that advocate on behalf of the environment, green energy or alternative transportation and/or attempt to influence public policy regarding these issues.**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Schools, organizations, camps, government agencies or other 501 (c)(3) organizations. We do not provide funds to individuals, only organizations. Funding in this category may not be used specifically to support or oppose political candidates.

**To Apply:**

1. Complete the Grant Application Form.
2. Include your IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN) or your IRC Section 501 (c) (3) Organization form. If sponsoring a young environmental leader, the non-profit to which you are sending the student will need to submit this.
3. Please include a proposal that outlines all required information as suggested in the Grant Application Form. If sponsoring a future environmental leader, please include all requested information.

4. Include a budget or if sponsoring a future environmental leader, include the cost for the program and literature provided by the program or camp. Please be as specific as possible.
5. A time table of when work will be conducted and completed or if sponsoring a future environmental leader, the date(s) of the camp or environmental program.
6. Include a letter of endorsement or statement of support from a third party who is familiar with your group's work and can attest at some future date to the completion of the project/program funded by this grant. Please insure that the third party includes their contact information in this letter. If sponsoring a future environmental leader, please include a letter of support that clearly outlines the young person's demonstrated interest in environmental issues and clear examples of their leadership potential, qualities, or capabilities.
7. If awarded the grant, please supply us with pictures of your project or allow a member of GSF to take pictures. If sponsoring a future environmental leader, please insure that the organization, program, or camp attended by said youth will allow us to take photos or publish photos of said youth during his/her participation.
8. Within 6 months of your project's (or sponsorship's) completion, please submit a 1 page written summary evaluating the project's (or sponsorship's) outcome highlighting specifically how it met your anticipated goals.
9. Mail items 1 - 6 to: The Green Shanny Foundation, 483 Tibet Road Columbus, OH 43202 or email to [info@GreenShannyFoundation.org](mailto:info@GreenShannyFoundation.org) by April 23, 2016.

**Awarding of Grants:**

The Green Shanny Foundation will award grants based on priorities determined by its Board of Directors and that support its mission. Grants are available to everyone regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin, age, handicap or sexual orientation.