

## Youth and Scout Grants

### Program Details

Thank you for your interest in the Youth and Scout Grant program. The Virginia Bluebird Society will provide ...

- construction plans for the nest box and predator guards
- a construction "mentor" if there are any questions
- money for half of the cost (value) of the project.

The other half of the cost can be covered in many different ways, such as personal funds, donations from home improvement stores, direct donations of supplies from building supply companies, or even free supplies from a site like Craigslist.

The boxes will be donated to VBS and we will make sure they are placed on public lands where we have or can get monitors. It is important for nest boxes to be monitored during the nesting season (April through August). The applicant would not need to install the boxes, or commit to monitoring. The "boxes" will include the nest box, with a Noel (cat/raccoon) guard on the front, attached to a pole with a snake guard.

There is no minimum or maximum number of boxes, so the project can be sized for any scout or youth project. Any time of year is fine, but grants are issued on a first-come basis. Grant work should be completed in a timely fashion.

Applicants often organize and lead a work day and invite others to help put together the boxes.

Upon completion, the applicant will give a short presentation about their project to a community group (it could be their scout group). It helps spread the word, and they can show off how much they have learned about bluebirds.

Applicants begin by submitting an application form and building a sample nest box unit. VBS will check the sample before the applicant proceeds with the rest of the boxes. Applicants should document their expenses. Usually, the grant is awarded upon donation of the boxes, but if necessary, the money may be distributed upon approval of the sample box.

For more information, please contact Carmen Bishop at [cjbish@aol.com](mailto:cjbish@aol.com).



**VBS YOUTH / SCOUT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**DATE SUBMITTED** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTY** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOU SPONSORED BY A MEMBER OF VBS? YES \_ NO \_**

**NAME OF SPONSOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER ORGANIZATION INVOLVED (IF ANY)** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF NEST BOXES YOU ARE BUILDING** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROPOSAL FOR THE PRESENTATION** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT** \_\_\_\_\_

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**GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO:**  
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