

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
- funding for the cost of the materials.

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, all according to the plans on the VBS web site.

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 to Carmen Bishop at cjbish@aol.com. The applicant will build a sample nest box unit to be approved by VBS before the applicant proceeds with the rest of the boxes. Applicants will submit receipts to document the cost of the project. Usually, the grant is awarded upon donation of the boxes, but if necessary, money may be distributed upon approval of the sample box based on estimated costs, with any difference in the final cost rectified upon completion.

For more information, please contact Carmen Bishop at cjbish@aol.com, or 703-764-9268.



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 (SUCH AS SCOUTS OR CHURCH, IF ANY) _____

NUMBER OF NEST BOXES YOU ARE BUILDING _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT (INCLUDING ESTIMATED TIMELINE) _____

PROPOSAL FOR THE PRESENTATION _____

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT _____

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED _____

*Payment options: 1. Grant issued upon donation of boxes to VBS with receipts as documentation of expenses. Or 2. Initial grant issued upon approval of sample box and submission of itemized cost list from local store, with final adjustments to grant amount made upon donation of boxes and submission of receipts.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO:
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