

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

YOUTH MINI-GRANTS

This grant program is designed to provide environmental education, litter control and school/community beautification incentives.

Proposals are due in the Keep America Beautiful Office by 5 p.m. March 5, 2010. **No exceptions.** Winners will be announced at the annual KAB Awards Luncheon. Projects must be implemented by May 2010 (not necessarily completed by this date). Groups may submit only one proposal per year and may be awarded all, part or none of the amount requested.

KAB Mini-Grants' Program is an anti-litter and school/community beautification program and is administered by the Meridian/Lauderdale County KAB. The program is designed to provide "seed" money and/or to enhance ongoing projects for local initiatives in environmental education. Grants will be made available to all schools and youth organizations in Lauderdale County participating in youth development education and community service. Priority will be given to grants showing hands-on involvement of youth.

KAB grants will be awarded up to \$500.00 for quality projects that provide environmental awareness, litter control and school/community incentives. Examples consist of:

- Environmental education projects (outdoor classrooms, nature trails, butterfly gardens)
- Wildlife habitat, expressive arts with environmental themes, conservation field days, held in Lauderdale County)
- Environmental camps (preference to projects held in Lauderdale County)
- School and/or community beautification (flower and /or vegetable gardens/landscapes)

Once your projects are completed, Keep America Beautiful Commission members would like to be present for any ceremonies or unveilings of these projects. Keep America Beautiful would also like to place a small plaque or sign indicating your status as a Youth Mini Grant recipient.

Because the Mini-Grant Program was designed to encourage the beautification of our environment through hands on work, a maximum of \$100 within the grant will be funded for hard structures(benches, bird baths, bird feeders or other non-living components).

Please note: The cost of tools should not be included in the grant application. This item will be excluded. KAB has a community tool bank, tools are available for loan. Please contact the KAB office for more information.

Progress reports will be due by January 20, 2011. If your organization does not submit a progress report by the deadline, you will not be considered for a mini-grant during the next fiscal year. Notification for progress reports will be sent to grantees December 2010.

All projects will be judged and evaluated using the attached rubric. Special recognition for outstanding projects will be given in April.

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MINI-GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name of School/Group _____ Amount requested _____

Sponsor _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Signatures:

Sponsor

Date

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 5, 2010 in the Keep America Beautiful Office, 723 23 Ave. or mail to P. O. Box 1430, Meridian, MS 39302. For more information, contact The KAB Office-485-1996, Betty Lou Jones-482-0166 or Patty Swearingen at 601-482-9764.

6. Proposed budget: (If extra space is needed, please use the back of the page).

List expected expenses:

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

List donations and/or in-kind services: (ex: donated paint, labor, materials, publicity, etc. and estimate value.

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

TOTAL VALUE \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

**Keep America Beautiful Youth Mini Grant Proposal
Judging Rubric**

School/Group Name _____

Project Title: _____

Was this project funded last year? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, was the mandatory progress report submitted to KAB? ___ Yes ___ No

Scoring Key

5= outstanding 4=superior 3=good 2=satisfactory 1= marginal/poor

1). Potential Environment Impact-Does the project address a community need, problem or concern? _____

2). Project Summary-Are the goals clearly stated and are former accomplishments listed (if applicable)? _____

3). Plan of Action-Does the plan include a time schedule, needed resources, and community involvement (if applicable)? _____

4). Application-Is the application complete? Were guidelines followed? Was the progress report turned in for an ongoing project? * _____

5). Evaluation Method-Does the proposal contain details of a method to evaluate the progress made toward the completion of the project? _____

6). Future Plans-Does the proposal contain details of future plans for the project? _____

7). Budget-Does the proposal contain a detailed budget with less than \$100 budgeted for hard structure and no money budgeted for tools? _____

8). Overall Quality-Is the overall quality of the proposal clear, concise and easy to understand? _____

Preliminary Score (total of items1-8) _____

Youth involvement**(0-25 points) _____

Total (of a possible 65 points) _____

* Required-ongoing proposals which did not turn in a progress report by the required date will not be considered for the subsequent year

** Required-Proposals without youth involvement will not be considered