



**AUGUST 2024-JUNE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR
TRANSPORTATION & LODGING GRANT APPLICATION
Grades 4-12**

FWP is offering Montana outlying school district grant funds to visit Montana WILD - Education Center located in Helena, Montana. The goal of this grant program is to assist "outlying" schools to learn at Montana WILD.

Grants are for *transportation and/or lodging costs only*.

GRANT CRITERIA AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- This is a reimbursement grant. School must complete the trip and pay expenses prior to receiving reimbursement.
- Schools may apply for up to \$2,500 annually which represents the combined total of eligible transportation and lodging reimbursement.
- Students must be in grades 4-12, unless: (1) it is a small rural school with a combined classroom; or (2) the teacher has completed a *Growing Up Wild Training*.
- To participate, a school must be an "outlying" school (a minimum of 50 miles, one way from Helena).
- To qualify for lodging reimbursement, schools must be located more than 150 miles (one way from Helena).
- The deadline for this grant is May 31, 2024
- Schools must visit for a minimum of 2.5 hours.
- Schools must complete:
 - *Prior to their visit* – Two FWP approved lesson plans/activities.
 - *After their visit* – FWP also encourages that after the visit schools do one community-based project focusing on conservation, living with wildlife or stewardship.
- Personal food and beverages (except water) is not permitted into the building. Please plan your lunches accordingly. There are a few picnic tables behind the center and nearby at Spring Meadow Lake State Park. You can reserve the Group Shelter at Spring Meadow Lake State Park online:
<https://montanastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/spring-meadow-lake-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=MT&parkId=630318>

REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

- **Only the school participating can be reimbursed.** Third party vendors (bus companies) cannot be paid directly.
- Reimbursement is for **eligible transportation and lodging costs only**. Food or substitute pay is not eligible for reimbursement.
- School must provide proof of payment for lodging and transportation expenditures to be eligible for reimbursement.
- Reimbursement for student lodging is \$30 per student.
- Reimbursement for teacher lodging is \$30 per teacher and is provided for one teacher for every 15 students.