

## Student Transportation Grant Program for Garden Visits

The Friends of The Wild Flower Garden, funds transportation to the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary for eligible K-12 Minneapolis Area School Groups.

This program makes it possible for a number of Minneapolis Area school children to come to the Garden for a learning experience and for a rare opportunity to experience the natural world. Many of these children may never have that experience as they simply do not have the funds to make a school trip. The grant will cover bus transportation fees for eligible groups.

Schools must have a 65% or higher free and reduced lunch population and we will also include classes with a 50% ESL/ELL student population.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board charges a fee per student for each 1 hour visit. This small fee covers the cost of staffing each visit with Garden naturalists. If a group is not able to cover the cost of the guided program, some help may be available from the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board. Visits are scheduled directly with the Garden Staff.



Since the inception of this program in 2009 **5,550 students** have been able to visit the Garden with class transportation subsidized. The Friends have provided over \$19,500 in funding for this program. The funds come from our member contributions. Visit the “donations” page on our website to make a digital contribution or to print out a mail-in form



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