



International Rotary Exchange Outbound Students from District 5970 plant trees with Trees Forever Trustee Elizabeth Daly.

Granting a Better Tomorrow!

Thanks to our many donors who contribute to the Trees Forever endowment, we are providing funds for projects for the first time from Trees Forever Foundation income. Grants of \$100 to \$1,500 are available with an emphasis on youth and underserved schools and communities. These funds are for projects in areas not currently receiving funding from other Trees Forever programs.

Granting a Better Tomorrow grants are for tree-planting and educational projects, including tree planting, seedling give-a-ways, pollinator (trees & plants) plantings, rain gardens with trees, educational classroom projects, club or church projects, fruit and nut orchards, school memorials, cemetery plantings and disaster recovery projects. If you need help with your project, our staff will be happy to help your group plan and complete a successful long-lasting project.

The application process is competitive, and preference is given to applicants with thorough and complete documentation that meets our guidelines.

Application requirements

Please fill out and complete the form on the following pages, and include with this application these attachments:

- 1. For Planting Projects, Provide an Aerial Map and Site Plan** – Please include an aerial map of your community and highlight area(s) where you plan to plant. In addition, please provide a site plan sketch. This may be a simple hand drawing, and should include major roads, spacing, location of trees and overhead power lines, and a north directional arrow.
- 2. Budget Worksheet** – Please attach a budget for your project using the form on page 4. Showing some match (cash or in-kind) is strongly recommended and will strengthen your application; however, matching funds are not required.

Application Form- Granting a Better Tomorrow!

Date	Grant Amount Requested			
Community	County	Population		
Organization/Committee Name (if applicable)				
Primary Contact			Occupation	
Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business		City	State	Zip
Phone : <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell			Email	

List a minimum of four other committee or community members, who will assist with planning, planting and caring for your trees:

Name	Occupation/Title	Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business	Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Email
Name	Occupation/Title	Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business	Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Email
Name	Occupation/Title	Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business	Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Email
Name	Occupation/Title	Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business	Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Email

If awarded, the check should be made out to _____
(Checks cannot be made to individuals)

Federal Tax ID Number _____

Anticipated Tree-planting Event Date _____

Local Media Contact _____
Name, Business (Name of publication, radio station call letters, etc.)

Phone and Email

I give permission to Trees Forever to reproduce and use any photographs taken at my community tree-planting event and/or that are submitted as part of our program summary report. I agree to care for our trees for no fewer than three years.

Signature _____ Date _____

Questions? Please contact Deb Roman at 319-373-0650, ext. 110 or droman@treesforever.org

To submit an application

Email completed application and supporting documentation to droman@treesforever.org. **(OR)**

Mail to: Trees Forever, Attn: Deb, 770 7th Ave., Marion, IA, 52302

Application Narrative

Use a separate sheet to answer these questions:

1. Project Title and Description - Please describe your tree-planting or educational project. How will it benefit your school or community?

2. Volunteers - How will volunteers or your neighborhood be engaged in the planting or project?

3. Diversity and Underserved – Please describe how you are addressing diversity and underserved segments of the population through your project. We want to hear about ecological diversity too.

4. Utilities - are there overhead utility wires at your site and if so, how far away will your trees be planted? Are there underground utilities in the area and how far away will the trees be planted?

5. Care and Maintenance Plan – Newly planted trees and plants require a significant amount of care to get established. Describe your tree care plan for the **first two years**, which should include watering, mulching, pruning and possibly staking. Who is responsible for maintenance?

6. Reporting After Project is Done – Please complete the reporting form (to be provided with your check) after your project is completed. We recommend you do this within a few weeks of completion, but it will be due no later than **November 1**.



Budget Worksheet for Granting a Better Tomorrow! Applications, 2018

Project Title: _____

Trees, Plants, Supplies

Quantity	Species*	Size**	Cost/unit	Total Cost

Budget

Total cost

* Contact Trees Forever if you need help selecting appropriate species.

**Trees should be no larger than 1.5 inch caliper or 10 gal. container (shade trees) or 4' or 10 gal. container (evergreens).

Requested funds

Matching Funds ***

Item	Value/Cost

Total Matching Funds

***Showing some match (cash or in-kind), while not required, helps with match requirements with our sponsors.