

Mary DeDecker Botanical Grant

The Bristlecone Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is pleased to request applications for the Mary DeDecker Botanical Grant. This small-grants program is named in memory of a local botanist renowned for her many contributions to the botany and history of the Eastern Sierra Nevada and northern Mojave Desert.



Bristlecone Chapter

Our goal is to promote research and projects that increase understanding and appreciation of native plants and ecosystems of the Eastern Sierra region. Anyone may apply for a grant, but we are especially interested in helping graduate and undergraduate college students as well as elementary, middle, and high school pupils and their teachers. Subjects appropriate for funding cover a wide range, from basic taxonomic or ecological research to school gardens featuring native plants and their pollinators. The only requirement is that the project be relevant to the native plants of the northern Mojave Desert, Eastern Sierra Nevada, or Great Basin of eastern California.

The program will award grants of up to \$1,000 each. Proposals exceeding \$1,000 may still be considered, contingent on chapter funding and project justification; in such cases, applicants are advised to develop their project acknowledging that only \$1,000 or less may be available, and line-item the budget accordingly.

Criteria and Procedures

Submit written proposals to the Mary DeDecker Grant Committee. Proposals should be no more than two pages in length. Each should contain title, objectives, methods, expected final product, brief statement of applicant's qualifications, and breakdown of proposed costs. Students should include a letter of support from their advisor or teacher. Deadline is **January 25, 2018**. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by **early March, 2018**.

A progress report explaining how Bristlecone Chapter funds were used is due at the end of the first year. Applicants are encouraged to give a talk about their project at a Bristlecone Chapter evening meeting or to write a brief explanation of their work for the Bristlecone Chapter newsletter.

Send proposals or requests for information to:

grants@bristleconecnps.org (electronic submissions are preferred but not required)

OR:

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You can find more information about the Bristlecone Chapter Grants Program, including this Request for Proposals, at <http://bristleconecnps.org/dedecker/grant/>