

Grant and State Aid Programs:

Planting Fields Foundation is a proud participating vendor in several programs offering state aid to schools and organizations coming to Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park for a K-12 Group Visit.

Please refer to the information and links below for additional information and to apply for free or reduced admission for a K-12 Group Visit. Planting Fields Foundation makes no guarantee that your school group or organization will be granted aid.



The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program or “Connect Kids”:

Each Connect Kids grant provides reimbursement of up to \$80 per student (and \$160 for those in Special Education) for field trips to state and federal parks and historic sites. A wide range of education and youth organizations are eligible including: public and private schools; local youth bureaus; BOCES programs; and select not-for-profit organizations providing after-school, extracurricular, and summer youth programs. Please click on the following link for the application and for more information: [Field Trip Grant Program - NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation](#).

Nassau BOCES Outdoor and Environmental Education:

Planting Fields Foundation participates in Nassau BOCES Outdoor and Environmental Education program. This program offers eligible school districts in Nassau County, NY the ability to apply for state aid when they book a field trip with a participating vendor. Click the following link for more information and to apply: [Vendor Programs / Vendor Programs \(nassauboces.org\)](http://nassauboces.org).

Western Suffolk BOCES Outdoor and Environmental Education:

This program offers eligible school districts across Suffolk County, NY the ability to apply for state aid when they book a field trip with a participating vendor, such as Planting Fields Foundation. Click the following link for more information: [Outdoor Environmental Education Program - Western Suffolk Boces \(wsboces.org\)](https://www.wsboces.org/outdoor-environmental-education-program). To apply, please contact Ms. Peggy Unger, Enrichment Excursions and Exploratory Enrichment Coordinator, at punger@wsboces.org.

Western Suffolk BOCES Exploratory Enrichment:

Planting Fields Foundation is a participating vendor with Western Suffolk BOCES Exploratory Enrichment program which coordinates, schedules, and contracts K-12 presentations, workshops, in-school programs, and field trips. Click the following link for more information and to apply: [Exploratory Enrichment - Western Suffolk Boces \(wsboces.org\)](https://www.wsboces.org/exploratory-enrichment).