



Guided School Program Scholarship Information and Application

All are welcome to visit and explore the outdoor classroom at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. Guided Lessons encourage students to engage with their environment through hands-on activities designed around NYS Standards. Due to the limited funding available from Friends of Five Rivers we ask that you first apply for funding through New York States "Connect Kids to Parks" via this link: <https://parks.ny.gov/environment/connect-kids/grant-program.aspx>. Should you not receive a NYS Connects Kids Grant, Friends of Five Rivers' Guided School Program (GSP) Scholarships are available.

Guided School Program Scholarships can be used to cover the cost of lessons and/or busing. Teachers are urged to read the following guidelines and submit an application in a timely manner. We hope to see you at Five Rivers!

Scholarship Information

- Teachers may apply for a Guided School Program Scholarship once per year.
- A maximum of \$600 may be awarded to cover the following costs:
 - Guided Lesson Fees - \$50 per group. Number of groups is stated in your Confirmation Letter.
 - Bus Transportation - cost of busing with a two-bus maximum.
 - Guided Lesson and Bus Transportation – a combination of the above.
- Special consideration will be given to those able to demonstrate need.
- A maximum of 2 scholarships can be awarded per school per academic year.

Steps to Apply for a Guided School Program Scholarship

1. Schedule a Guided School Program Lesson using the online Lesson Request Form found on Friends' website (FriendsofFiveRivers.org).
2. Receive confirmation of your visit date and time from Friends in the form of a Confirmation Letter.
3. Arrange bus transportation for the confirmed date and time.
4. Complete the online Scholarship Application form in its entirety.

Submit the scholarship form online or via email (gsp5rivers@outlook.com) one month prior to your visit. Applications are reviewed and awarded on a monthly basis.

Cancellation Policy

In the case of a cancellation, teachers are responsible to notify Friends of Five Rivers and the transportation service in accordance with guidelines stated in the Confirmation Letter. All scholarship funds must be returned to Friends of Five Rivers should a cancellation occur.

Questions?

Contact Friends of Five Rivers at (518) 475-0297 or gsp5rivers@outlook.com

Scholarship Application

Friends of Five Rivers – Supporting Environmental Education
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By submitting this form, the Primary Contact Teacher acknowledges:

- I am not guaranteed a scholarship until Friends of Five Rivers sends a written confirmation. I am responsible to read and adhere to the pre-visit materials sent after a scholarship has been awarded.
- I am responsible for booking the Guided Lesson and the transportation for this field trip.
- I am responsible to cancel the Guided Lesson and the transportation in accordance with guidelines in the Confirmation Letter. I am further responsible to return all scholarship funds should a cancellation occur.
- I understand and meet the requirements of this scholarship on behalf of the school and classes applying.

Date of Application: *

District Name: *

School Name: *

Full School Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip): *

Primary Contact Teacher Name: *

Contact Teacher Phone: *

Contact Teacher Email: *

List previous years your class was awarded Friends of Five Rivers scholarships:

Current annual expense per pupil for 2019/2020 (Total Budget/Total Attendance): *

Total percentage of Free/Reduced Lunch Program students for your school
(NOTE: There is no minimum to qualify for a scholarship): *

Confirmed Field Trip Date: *

Guided Lesson Selected: *

Grade Level: *

Number of Students: *

Special Needs (mobility, ELL, peanut allergy):

Number of Adults (Minimum required stated in Confirmation Letter. Additional adults are welcome.): *

Are you requesting scholarship funding for the Guided Lesson, bus transportation or both?: *

FOR BUS SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS ONLY: Name of Bus Provider:

Name of Bus Provider Contact:

Bus Contact Phone:

Number of Buses:

Estimated Fee / Bus:

Briefly describe how a Guided Lesson will help support the curriculum your class is studying: *

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