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Grant Guide

Each RC&D Grant Project helps Alabama communities grow and prosper. Helping make Northwest Alabama a better place to Live, Work, and Play!

Who can benefit? We award funding through grants for special projects that enhance our human and natural resources to improve the quality of life for a better future for tomorrow.

What types of projects are funded? We fund projects that fall into two categories: Education Fund Projects and General Fund Projects. An Education Fund Project must have an educational component. All projects without an educational component are considered General Fund Projects

Who do we serve?

Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion, and Winston Counties

Who can apply for Grant Funding?

- 501c3 non-profit organizations
- Units and sub-units of government
- Schools

VISIT US

GRANT TIMELINE

April 1 - June 30
Accepting Applications

September
Application approval/denial Notification

October 1
Project start date

August 1
Project end date

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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Northwest RC&D Council Grant Application

The Northwest RC&D Council Grant Application is intended to help organizations make Alabama a better place to live, work, and play. You must be a 501c3 Nonprofit Organization or unit or subunit of government (i.e., school, park, fire department, senior center, etc.) to be eligible for funding. The grant application deadline is June 30, 2024; no late applications will be accepted.

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Directions - how to apply for funding:

- All applications must be in compliance with the RC&D Council's mission. And comply with all federal and state laws.
- The application must be filled out in full.
- Required Fields: House and Senate District numbers - https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/elected-official-map.
- Submit your application before the grant window closes - no late applications will be accepted.

Project Name*

Name of Project.

Character Limit: 100

Address of Project Location*

Character Limit: 70

Provide the contact information for this project's main point of contact/project manager.*

List the name, email address, and phone number.

This contact should be the staff member, field agent, teacher, etc., who implements and/or heads the project. If you have any questions, please contact your local RC&D office.

Character Limit: 250

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Character Limit: 250

Funding Category*

Choices

General Fund
Educational Fund

Which RC&D Council(s) will your project impact?*

Select the RC&D Council to which you are applying. Select any additional RC&D Councils that your project will affect. To view our council regions, click **here**

Choices

Ala-Tom RC&D
AMRV RC&D
Cawaco RC&D
Coosa Valley RC&D
Gulf Coast RC&D
Mid-South RC&D
Northwest RC&D
Tombigbee RC&D
Wiregrass RC&D

County*

Choices

Please list any additional counties your project might cover*

Type "0" if no other counties will be covered.

Character Limit: 250

House District*

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Senate District*

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Project Category*

Choices

Senior Citizen Project
Education Project
Community Project
Disaster/Health or First Responder Project
Technology Project
Business Improvement Project
Job Training or Creation
Tourism, Recreational, or Park Project
Conservation of Natural Resources

Project Description*

Please thoroughly describe your project and the need you are trying to meet. Also, explain here what you plan to purchase with the funding.

Character Limit: 2000

What is/are the objective(s) of the project?*

Please explain what goal(s) you hope to achieve by completing this project.

Character Limit: 2000

How many people will benefit from this project?*

Character Limit: 100

Projected Project End Date*

Please provide the closest estimated date your project will end, and project documentation will be able to be submitted to close out your grant.

Please note you will have an opportunity to update this date throughout your grant process.

Character Limit: 10

Grant Amount Requesting from RC&D*

Character Limit: 20

Total Estimated Cost of Project*

Character Limit: 20

If your project is not fully funded will you be able to complete your project?*

Choices

Yes
No
Unsure

Project Budget Request

List your projected budget for your project.

- Budget Items -- should be things you will be purchasing with your grant funding. Be vaguely specific when listing your budget items as we know things come up and budget items to support the same project might change.

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Requested Budget Item 2		
Requested Budget Item 3		
Requested Budget Item 4		
Requested Budget Item 5		
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Additional Partners
List any additional funders, partners, or donors who may help fund this project.

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Additional Documentation
Upload additional documentation that would support your request for grant funding.
Examples of additional documentation: quotes, pictures, further descriptions, or materials that describe/support your project.
If you would like to upload multiple documents, you can compress them into a ZIP file and upload them. Learn how to create a ZIP file **here**.

File Size Limit: 16 MB

Logo Upload
Upload a copy of your organization's logo. If you do not have a logo submit a picture.

File Size Limit: 8 MB

Authorized Signature*
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Type your name in the text box provided if you agree to the above statement.

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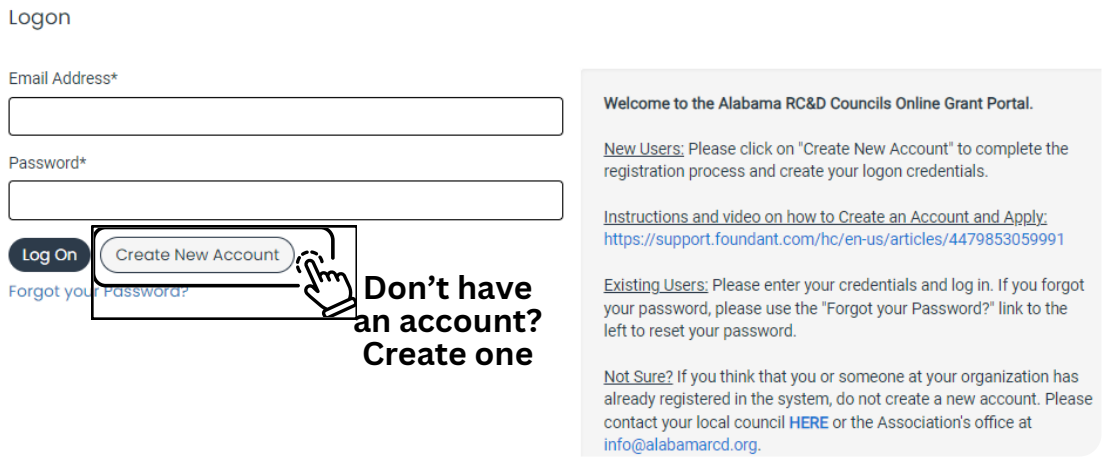
Character Limit: 60

Notes



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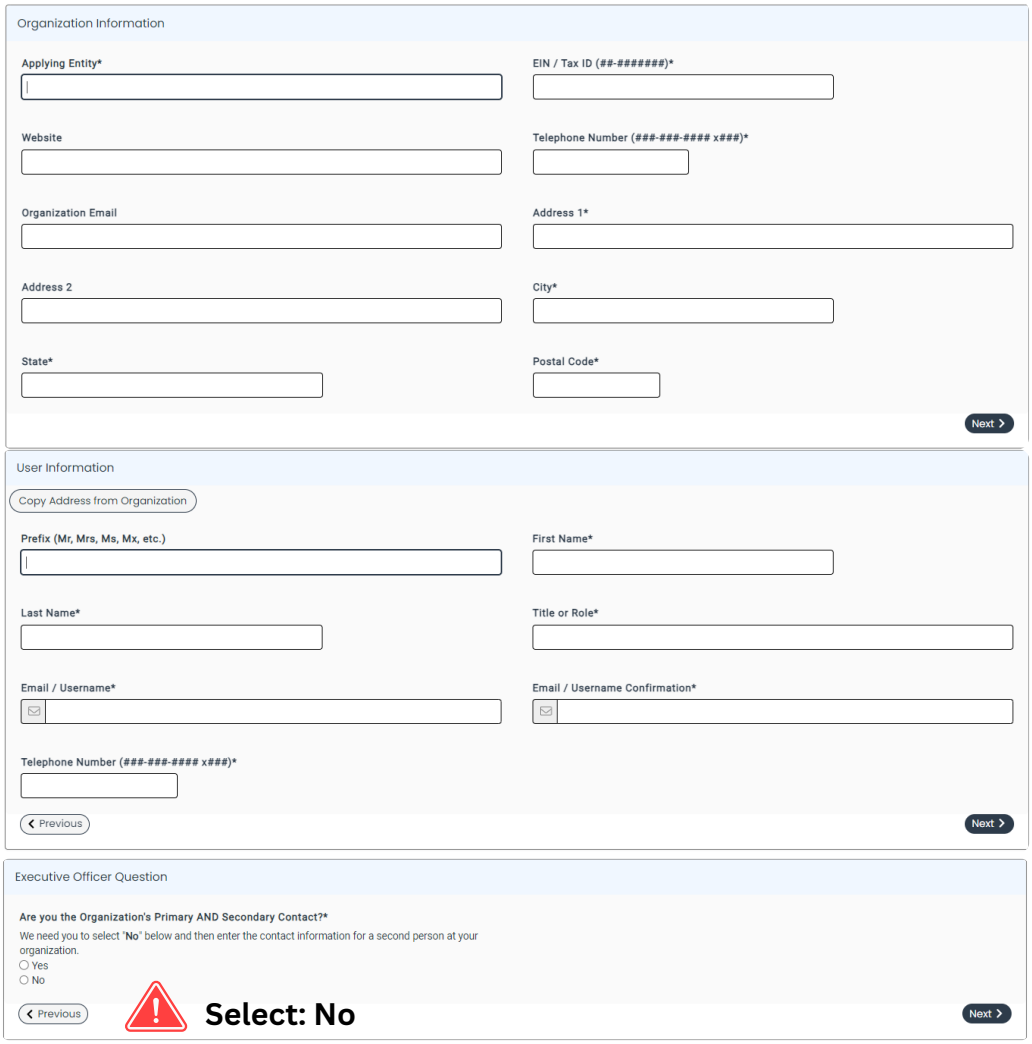

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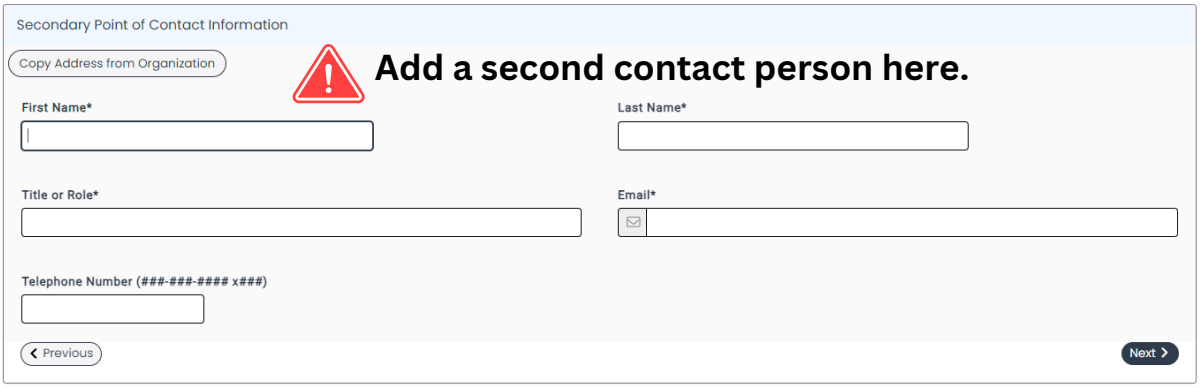

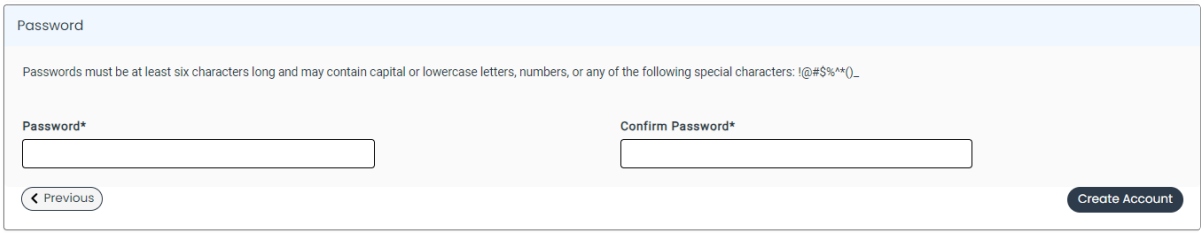

Applicant Dashboard

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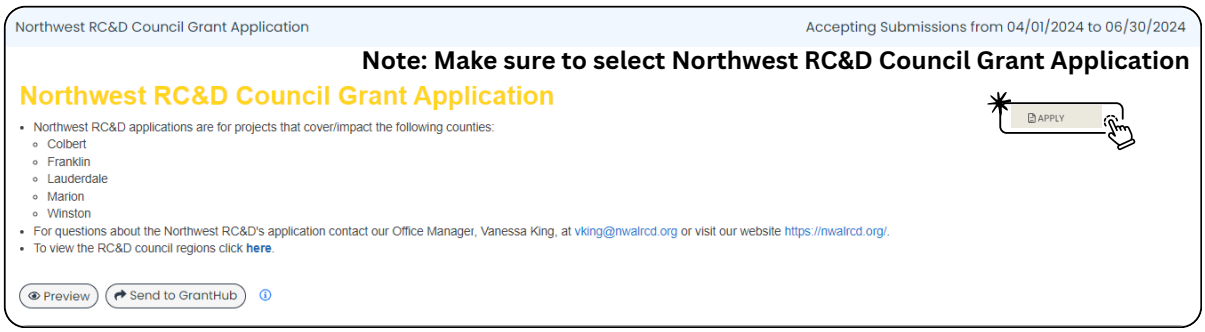
Northwest RC&D Council - Application Process



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APPLY
Application
Question List
Apply / Northwest RC&D Council Grant Application / Application / Preview
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✳ **Not sure?**
Use the link to find your elected official

✳ **Project Category***

- ○ Senior Citizen Project
- ○ Education Project
- ○ Community Project
- ○ Disaster/Health or First Responder Project
- ○ Technology Project
- ○ Business Improvement Project
- ○ Job Training or Creation
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✳Choose one category that best fits the project

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- ○ Yes
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