

Announcement for 2012 Education, Research, and Inventory Grant proposals

The Idaho Native Plant Society (INPS) is soliciting proposals for its Education, Research, and Inventory Grant (ERIG) program. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded in 2012 to support projects that contribute to the appreciation, conservation, or knowledge of Idaho's native flora or vegetation. The purpose of the ERIG program is to stimulate and lend support to educational, research, and conservation activities that promote an appreciation for native plants and plant communities in Idaho. The ERIG committee encourages you to submit a proposal if you have a project that may qualify. The deadline for submitting proposals is March 31, 2012.

Grant guidelines – The ERIG program is intended to support direct project costs. Grant proposals should not include expenses for salary and personal benefits, the purchase of personal equipment, or other expenses not essential to the project. Here are some examples of costs the grant may cover:

- Direct costs of travel, meals, and lodging for the project.
- Supply and service expenses used for the sole purpose of the project (e.g., film, photocopying, phone, lab materials)
- Printing costs for public outreach material or research publications.

Application procedure and requirements – Proposals should contain the following information:

- Project title.
- Contact information - name, address, phone number, organization/affiliation, and email (if available).
- Project description – outline the project objectives, methods, and final product. Explain how the project will benefit the appreciation, conservation, or knowledge of Idaho's native flora or vegetation. Describe how project success will be evaluated.
- Itemized budget – outline an overall project budget, including the amount you are requesting (up to \$1,000), as well as other funding sources.
- Timeline – please provide a time line for completion of all major tasks associated with the project, including presentation of the results.

Project proposals must pertain to native plants of Idaho. The total amount of money available for the ERIG program in 2012 still needs to be determined. Please limit grant requests to a maximum of \$1,000, and be aware that less may be rewarded due to INPS budget constraints and the number of applications submitted. Successful applicants will be required to submit a final report to the INPS documenting project accomplishments and a summary of the project to be published in the INPS newsletter, *Sage Notes*. We encourage applicants to become an INPS member if they are not already so, however, membership is not a prerequisite to apply for, or receive an ERIG.

Please submit proposals by email to Janet Bala at balajane@isu.edu or by post to:

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