

Tennessee Native Plant Society student research awards

The purpose of this award is to provide support to graduate and undergraduate students who are considering a career or continued education toward a career in botany. Funds may be used to support students participating in botanical research, field studies, botanical outreach and education, or herbarium activities that enhance the student's educational experiences and likelihood of a career in botany. Priority will be given to students working with native plants within the state of Tennessee and who have not received this award previously. Funds may also be used to support student travel to field sites or professional conferences.

Up to two awards (one undergrad- and one grad-level award) will be made for up to \$500 each. Applications will be reviewed by an award committee composed of faculty members in the ETSU Department of Biological Sciences.

Applications are due by 5PM on March 23rd, 2026.

Students must fill out the attached form and email it AND a resume or CV to Dr. Ben Lee (leebr1@etsu.edu) with the title of the email: "TNSP research award application – [Student name]".

Tennessee Native Plant Society student research award application

Name: _____

E# and ETSU email address: _____

Student status (undergraduate or graduate): _____

Year in program: _____

Expected date of graduation (semester and year): _____

Have you received this award before: Y / N

Other awards you have received or that you are concurrently applying to:

Please answer the following prompts with short answers <250 words each.

1. What are your career goals and how will this award help you to achieve them?
2. What experience, if any, do you have with botanical research and especially working with native Tennessee plants?
3. Are you currently working on native plant research in our department? If so, describe the project and who you are working with.