



Go Outside (GO) Grant – Frequently Asked Questions (Updated July 2026)

GO Grant guidelines are available here: <https://gooutside.nc.gov/go-grants/apply/>

What is the N.C. Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission's Go Outside (GO) Grant?

The N.C. Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission provides outdoor learning opportunities for youth across the state of North Carolina. This state-wide grant program directly supports the construction of outdoor learning facilities and experiential learning trips and programs.

Please note: only off campus field trip applications are currently available.

What organizations are eligible to apply for a GO Grant?

Eligible organizations must qualify as either a North Carolina K-12 school, or nonprofit organization as follows:

A. North Carolina K-12 School:

A public, private, or charter school based in North Carolina. A registered homeschool association or children's home (both must have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status) based in North Carolina.

B. Nonprofit Organization

A nonprofit organization with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations must have the ability to adopt the Commission's branding as part of their grant.

Who can fill out the application?

Any staff member of a city/county government unit, Pre-K-12 school, or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization may apply for a GO Grant.

If two organizations are working in partnership, the application may be completed by both parties, but the primary organization will be responsible for grant reporting. If one of the two parties is a North Carolina school, they will be deferred to as the primary organization.

What are the funding guidelines for GO Grants?

A. Field Trips:

Up to \$3,000 for single-day field trips or up to \$5,000 for overnight field trips. An additional \$1,000 is available per night's stay up to the \$5,000 cap. Field trips must include an outdoor learning component/activity and may include visits to National/State Parks, city/county parks, outdoor recreation areas, outdoor activity/education centers, and historical sites.

When is the grant application submission period?

The GO Grant application period opens May 16th, 45 days prior to the new fiscal year (July 1st) and is open for a 12 month period. GO Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are awarded throughout the fiscal year, as funds allow. Applications should be submitted at least 6 weeks from the date of your field trip.

Where do I go to apply?

GO Grant applications for Field Trips can be found [HERE](#). Applications are to be submitted online through the Grant Lifecycle Manager portal. If you are registering in Grant Lifecycle Manager for the first time you will need to select the organization from the dropdown menu that you are associated with. If your organization is not listed, you will need to follow the prompts to register your organization.

How do I logon to Grant Lifecycle Manager (GLM)?

If you have an existing GLM account, follow this [link](#) and use your username and password to logon.

If you do not have a GLM account, please create one before submitting an application.

I do not see the “Apply” button on any of the available grants. I can only “Preview” the applications. How should I proceed?

If you do not see the “Apply” button, please ensure that you are logged into GLM prior to completing an application.

If you do not have a GLM account, please create one before submitting an application.

What if I forgot my logon information?

If you have forgotten your username or password, please email GoOutside@nc.gov to have NCYOE staff reset your logon information.

I am having trouble uploading my reporting documents to GLM. What should I do?

Please confirm that all prior follow ups are complete in GLM. If so, ensure that you are uploading one zip file or one Google Drive link containing all your reporting documents. If you continue to have trouble, please email GoOutside@nc.gov for assistance.

Can I email my reporting documentation to you?

All reporting documentation must be submitted through GLM in your “Final Report” form assigned upon grant approval. If you are having issues uploading your reporting documents, please email GoOutside@nc.gov for assistance.

Can I reapply for a GO Grant?

Applicants seeking funding for field trips are eligible to receive one GO Grant per class/grade each school year. For example: multiple applications (inside a school year) for a single group of students will be rejected but multiple applications (inside a school year) for different classes/grades will be considered.

When will I find out the status of my grant?

The grant review process may take up to 6 weeks. Typically grant recipients will be notified of the status of their application within 6 weeks of submission. Exceptions may occur for grant applications that require the submission of additional documentation or further review.

How soon should I apply to ensure I receive funding in time? When are grant funds made available?

To receive funding in time, applications should be submitted at least 6 weeks from the date of your field trip.

Following an approval, a Grant Agreement will be assigned to the applicant in Grant Lifecycle Manager. This document must be signed by the Applicant, Administrator, and Bookkeeper. Grant awards will be sent directly to the recipient school system or nonprofit organization (electronically or by check) within 45 days of the proposed field trip date.

If you are required to make deposits ahead of your field trip dates, please explain this in your application and provide a timeline. You can request a letter of proof of funds from our finance staff by emailing GoOutside@nc.gov

Our trip date is approaching, and our funds haven't arrived. What should I do?

Please be advised that we will work with the timeline that has been given in your application and will begin the fund disbursement process within 45 days of the proposed field trip date.

If you need to make a change to your dates, please email GoOutside@nc.gov to request an Amendment Form be assigned to your Grant Lifecycle Manager portal. Please note that this Amendment must be approved by the Commission before grant awards can be spent.

Please be advised that our finance staff works alongside other state agencies to disburse funds and that we have limited control over this process. You can request a letter of proof of funds from our finance staff by emailing GoOutside@nc.gov.

What kind of documentation am I required to submit for expense reporting?

30 days from the completion of your event you are required to log in to Grant Lifecycle Manager and submit proof of payment and photographs. You can view grant reporting information [HERE](#). Reminder notifications will be automatically generated by Grant Lifecycle Manager and emailed to the applicant's email. The following documentation is required:

A. Proof of Payment

For each purchase we require two forms of proof of payment, to include a copy of a check stub and/or account transaction summary AND a receipt, invoice, or purchase order. Please upload all documentation into one zip file or one Google Drive link with appropriate access allowed.

B. Photographs

Recipients must submit photographs of their field trip that we may use on our website, social media, and in our print and other materials. Please upload all photographs into one zip file or one Google Drive link with appropriate access allowed.

What if our field trip date changes?

If you need to make a change to your dates, please email GoOutside@nc.gov to request an Amendment Form be assigned to your Grant Lifecycle Manager portal. Please note that this Amendment must be approved by the Commission before grant awards can be spent.

What if I'm awarded a GO Grant but my field trip location changes?

Grant awards must fund the purchases and costs listed in an approved application. If you need to make a change to your field trip, please email GoOutside@nc.gov to request an Amendment

Form be assigned to your Grant Lifecycle Manager portal. Please note that this Amendment must be approved by the Commission before grant awards can be spent.

What if the cost of my items changed but my purchase list has not?

Grant awards must fund the purchases and costs as described in an approved application. If you need to make a change to your field trip, or need to reallocate funds from one purchase to another, please email GoOutside@nc.gov to request an Amendment Form be assigned to your Grant Lifecycle Manager portal. Please note that this Amendment must be approved by the Commission before grant awards can be spent.

What if we were awarded a GO Grant but the original applicant has left the school/organization?

If you wish to use the grant for its intended purpose, you must first complete and submit a GO Grant Amendment Form designating a new lead contact. Please email GoOutside@nc.gov to request an Amendment Form be assigned to your Grant Lifecycle Manager portal. Please note that this Amendment must be approved by the Commission before grant awards can be spent.

What if there are funds left over?

All remaining grant funds must be returned to the Commission within 30 days of grant completion. Checks can be mailed to:

N.C. Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission
1715 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1715