

2025 Free Milkweeds for Schools & Educational Non-profits

If you have not already done so, please visit our [information page](#) about this program. Once you have gathered photos, diagrams, and a letter of support, please apply for free milkweeds online. Applications will be reviewed and recipients will be notified in February and March. Free milkweeds will be shipped in April and May.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *



Please read the following stipulations for receiving free milkweeds.

2. Gardens must be on public property. Each recipient is eligible for one free flat of milkweeds. *
Prior recipients are not eligible unless they are applying on behalf of a new location.

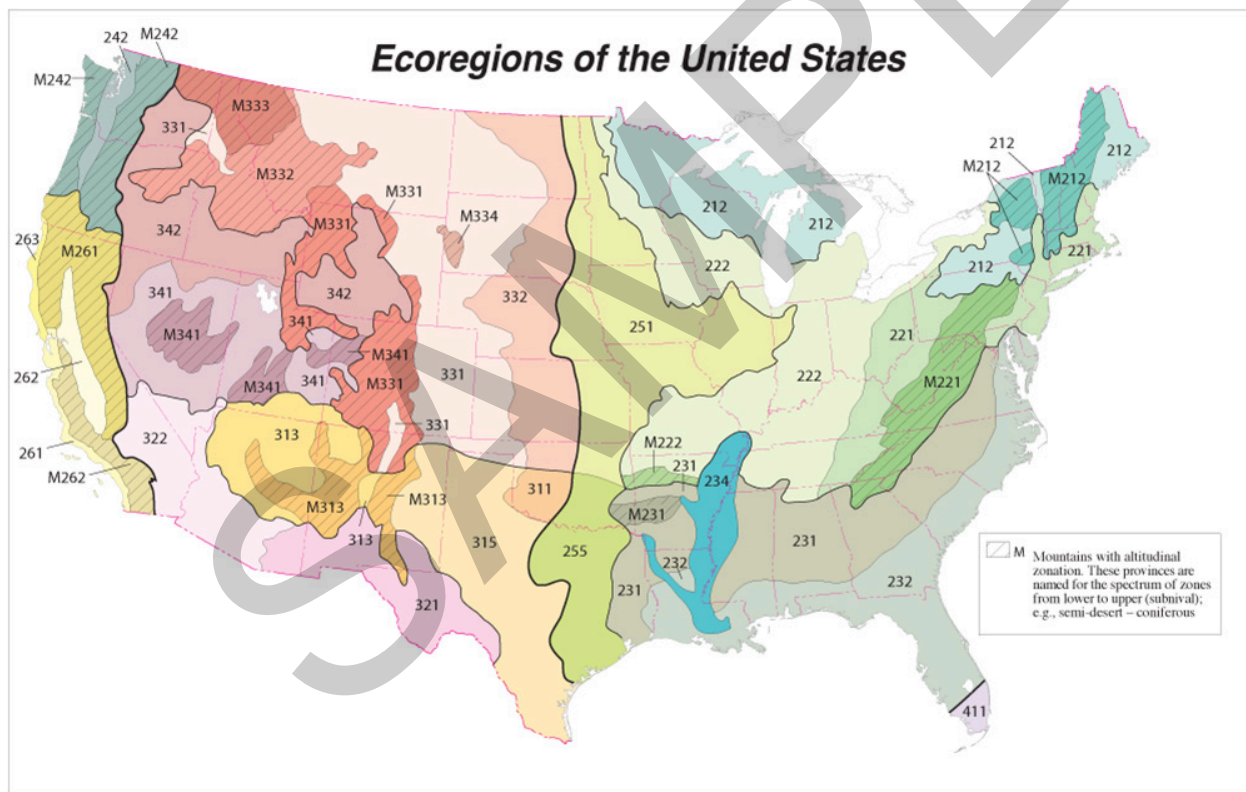
I understand and accept.

3. If you receive free milkweeds you will be asked to complete a follow-up survey, for which you will submit photos of your progress, observations, successes and challenges, activities, and media coverage.

I understand and accept.

Ecoregions

Monarch Watch accepts donations of native milkweed seed throughout the monarch breeding range. Our partner nurseries propagate these milkweeds. The plugs are then distributed back to the regions from which the seeds were collected. We cannot guarantee that we will have milkweeds available for all regions.



4. In which ecoregion are you located? If your ecoregion is not listed, we do not have milkweeds *
for your area this year.

Mark only one oval.

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Organization

5. Please select all organization types that fit your project. *

Check all that apply.

- School
- Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Museum/Nature Center
- Library
- Zoo
- Community Garden
- National Recreation & Park Assoc. Member
- Church
- Homeowners Association
- Master Gardeners
- Master Naturalists
- Social Service Provider
- Scouting America
- Girl Scouts
- Youth Organization
- Home School (only on public property)

6. Other (Please specify)

Contact Information

7. Organization name

8. Primary contact's first name *

9. Primary contact's last name *

10. Affiliation/Role *

11. Email *

12. Phone number *

13. Street Address *

14. Street Address Line 2

15. City *

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16. State *

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17. Zip Code *

18. Will the milkweeds be shipped to the address above (must be a physical address, UPS cannot deliver to a PO box)?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *Skip to question 29*
- No, I need to add a shipping address.

Shipping Information (if different from contact).

19. Organization name

20. Receiver's first name *

21. Receiver's last name *

22. Email *

23. Phone number *

24. Street Address *

25. Street Address Line 2

26. City *

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Authority

Native milkweeds are perennials. If you are awarded free milkweeds, they will need to be planted in an area that will be maintained for years to come. Please provide assurance that the organization will maintain the garden.

29. Do you have the ultimate authority to make decisions about the property? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes, I have authority to make decisions about future maintenance of the property.

Skip to question 31

No, but I have support from that authority.

Authority Continued

30. Upload a letter of support from the person(s) who have authority over future maintenance of the property. *

Files submitted:

Garden Plans

31. Select all educational components that apply to your garden project.

Check all that apply.

Community Science (monarch tagging, Journey North, etc...)

Multi-disciplinary Education (art, social studies, math)

Incorporate Science Standards/Common Core

Applied Sciences

Signage/Kiosks

Self-guided Tours

Interpretive Programs

Experiential Learning

Unguided Exploration

Gardening Education

After-school programs

School Enrichment Programs

Public Awareness

Sensory Exploration

Multi-use Garden (vegetables and pollinators)

32. Other (please specify)

33. Are the groundskeepers and/or maintenance personnel aware of the garden project and know not to mow, apply herbicides and insecticides or "weed" the designated milkweed habitat area? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

34. List five or fewer community partners who are supporting the project with donations (businesses, PTO, municipality, etc...). If none, enter NA. *

35. List five or fewer community partners who will be providing volunteer gardening expertise or labor (master gardeners, gardening committee, neighborhood associations, Green Team, etc...). If none, enter NA. *

36. Do you have a person, group, or organization that has made commitments to the following? *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No
Garden Design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garden Promotion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site Preparation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mulching, long-term	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Watering as needed, long-term	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regular weeding, long-term	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer Maintenance, long-term	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

General Site Description

37. Where will your garden be located? Select all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Schoolyard
- Public Courtyard
- Building Entrance
- Community Garden
- Municipal Garden
- Commercial Property
- Park
- Other: _____

38. To what stage of garden will you be adding milkweeds? *

Mark only one oval.

- This is a new garden
- Adding milkweeds to existing garden
- Expanding existing garden

39. How many hours of sun will the garden have? Milkweeds need full sun. *

Mark only one oval.

- 0-3
- 3-6
- 6-8 (ideal)
- 8+

40. What type of beds will be used for your garden? Select all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- Raised beds (must not have a bottom so roots may grow)
- Non-raised beds (ideal)

41. What is the total square footage of your garden bed(s)? You will need a minimum of approximately 100 square feet to accommodate 32 plugs. *

42. Milkweeds will need regular water for the first few weeks after planting. How will your garden be watered? *

Mark only one oval.

- Water will be transported to the site
- Water and hoses available on-site

43. Using the instructions below, please indicate the Latitude and Longitude of your garden site, which is more exact than an address. *

On your computer, open [Google Maps](#). Right-click (or control-click) on the garden location. To copy the coordinates automatically, click on the latitude and longitude. Paste below.

Example: 41.40338, -95.17403

44. Upload a photo of the entire garden site. The photo should include nearby structures and trees. *

Files submitted:

45. Upload a diagram of your garden design. *

Files submitted:

More than Milkweed!

Adult butterflies feed on nectar, which is found in blooming plants. We recommend 2-3 nectar plants for every one milkweed plant. Butterflies need nectar available throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

46. Indicate the number of species of blooming plants and when they bloom.

Mark only one oval per row.

	0-5	6-10	11-15	16+
Spring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You are almost finished!

Award letters will be emailed from support@milkweedmarket.org. Please add this address to your trusted contacts.

Use the back button to make corrections to your application.

Click the "Submit" button below when you are satisfied with your application.

You will receive a confirmation email with a copy of your responses. Please save it for future reference.

Applications will be reviewed and recipients will be notified early in the new year. Free milkweeds will be shipped in April and May. Most regions will receive one tray of 32 plugs of native milkweed. Texas recipients will receive one tray of 58 plugs.

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