

GSBF CLUB BENEFITS



GSBF Give Back Program – 3rd Quarter 2026 \$500 Special Project Awards

The GSBF Give Back Program is pleased to once again offer our popular **\$500 Special Project Awards!**

Last year, four clubs received \$500 to fund outstanding projects that enhanced their clubs and benefited their members. This year, **up to five clubs** will each receive a \$500 award to help bring another great idea to life.

Eligible projects might include:

- Special trips or educational events for members
- New member workshops
- Community outreach or public education programs
- Any other creative project that strengthens your club and enhances the member experience.

How to Apply – one application per club

Each club must submit:

- A description of the proposed project – be specific and detailed
- A detailed project budget
- An explanation of how the project will benefit the clubs and/or its members

Award Requirements

Winning clubs agree to submit, within one month of completing their project:

- A written summary of the project and photos with captions to be published in the Golden News GSBF newsletter.
- Copies of all project receipts

How to Submit

We encourage clubs to use our **Google Form**, but either submission method is accepted.

1. Complete the Google Form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckhz_Yc_8ABC8weHfqA_1KIcHZIwRtw299_DAtqUAK6GbOyrA/viewform
2. Complete the Word application (page 2) and email it to dodienueman@gmail.com

Timeline

- Application deadline: Sunday, August 30 – no late submission will be accepted
- Grant recipient announced: Sunday, September 20

We look forward to seeing the creative ideas and helping bring them to life.

From the

“Giving Back” Committee

GSBF 2026 3rd Quarter Give Back Project Application

This quarter's program is intended to sponsor up to 5 clubs with a \$500 award per club towards a '**special club project**'. One submission per club, submission deadline is: August 30.

Scoring will be: Benefit your club and its members (60%); Enhance public education and/or exposure to the art of bonsai (20%); Promote new member recruitment / education (20%). It is critical that clubs provide specific details in their project description and budget projection.

Club Name:

Name, email and phone contact information of person(s) completing this form:

Secondary club contact name, phone and email:

1. Describe with specific detail the project you are proposing.
2. Provide detailed accounting of projected budget for this project.
3. What is your timeline for completion of this project?
4. Describe how this project will benefit your club and its members.
5. How will your special project enhance public educations and/or exposure to the art of bonsai
6. How will your special project promote new member recruitment / education?
7. If selected, you agree to provide photos with captions and a written summary of your project for the GSBF newsletter as well as a copy of all receipts within one month of completion of your project.
Circle response: YES NO
8. Please provide the addressee and mailing address for your club to receive the award check.
9. Email completed WORD application or Google Form to Dodie Newman at dodieneuman@gmail.com no later than midnight on August 30, 2026. Late submissions will not be considered.