

ALABAMA WATER WATCH

Tiger Giving Mini-Grant Application

The Tiger Giving Mini-Grant Program (TGP) began in 2017 when AWW was selected as the Auburn University College of Agriculture's featured Tiger Giving Day Project. Donors contributed in order to provide monitoring equipment to AWW Volunteers. <http://wp.auburn.edu/aww/aww-tiger-giving-project-protect-alabama-waterways-mini-grant-program/>

AWW continues the TGP with the intention of providing certified volunteers with some of the materials they need to begin monitoring local waterbodies. ***The overall goals of the TGP are to:***

- 1. Recruit new AWW volunteer monitors**
- 2. Increase the geographical reach of the AWW Program**
- 3. Generate new data that can be used to protect and restore waterbodies in AL**
- 4. Publicize the ways TGP recipients are making a difference in their watersheds**

BEFORE completing the application, please read the following points carefully to be sure you are a good fit for TGP and are willing to comply with all TGP requirements.

Approved applicants can receive **up to one year's supply** of monitoring supplies for water chemistry monitoring and/or bacteriological monitoring. **At this time, there are not enough TGP funds to offer volunteers materials beyond a one-year supply.** TGP recipients are encouraged to use their monitoring results to persuade local organizations such as water/environmental related nonprofits, municipalities, civic organizations, etc. to support their continued monitoring. **With this in mind, please consider how you will cover your monitoring costs post-initial TGP funding.** AWW has recognized supplying volunteers with monitoring supplies as a priority and is exploring potential ways to expand and sustain TGP into the future. In the meantime, AWW is happy to offer suggestions for acquiring external funding.

To apply, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a certified AWW monitor with up-to-date AWW certification(s)
2. Be a current member of the Alabama Water Watch Association. To join go to: <https://aes.auburn.edu/alabamawaterwatch/support-alabama-water-watch/>

To receive supplies, selected applicants must agree to the following:

1. To start monitoring an inactive site or establish a new site within 30 days of receiving your monitoring supplies
2. To commit to monitoring a minimum of two sites for at least nine months of each calendar year
3. To share your supplies with other certified monitors in your area if the need arises

To increase the chances that your application is approved, consider:

1. Including co-applicants (several monitors applying for a shared kit or set of supplies). Co-applicants must also be certified in monitoring methods
2. Selecting monitoring sites in areas of the state that are not currently monitored
3. Monitoring three or more sites

Complete the following application and submit to the AWW Program Office by email or mail. Feel free to contact the AWW Office if you have questions or need help with selecting sites to monitor or determining the supplies you might need.

**Alabama Water Watch
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334-844-4785**

*Funding is limited and demands are high for monitoring supplies among our volunteers.
Please, only request materials if you are serious about your plans to monitor and are ready and willing to
fulfil the commitments outlined above.*

Applicant Information – supplies will be delivered to the applicant’s mailing address

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Mailing Address (kits cannot be delivered to P.O. Boxes): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of last certification/re-certification:

AWW Water Chemistry Monitoring... _____

AWW Bacteriological Monitoring... _____

Co-applicant Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of last certification/re-certification:

AWW Water Chemistry Monitoring... _____

AWW Bacteriological Monitoring... _____

Co-applicant Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of last certification/re-certification:

AWW Water Chemistry Monitoring... _____

AWW Bacteriological Monitoring... _____

AWW Monitoring Group Affiliation (if applicable):

Name of waterbody(s) you wish to monitor:

If you are adopting inactive/abandoned sites, please indicate the AWW Site Codes below:

Monitoring supplies requested:

**Water Chemistry
Test Kit**

**Water Chemistry
Test Kit Refill**

**Water Chemistry
Remote Sampler**

Bacteriological Monitoring Supplies (sent in 3-6 month increments)

Please briefly explain why you would like to monitor water quality with Alabama Water Watch and why your application should be considered for approval to receive monitoring supplies:

Use this space to provide any additional comments related to your application:

Please provide contact information for at least two (2) references. Example references: teachers/professors, supervisors, employers, volunteer coordinators/organizational leaders that you work with, etc. Please do not use family members as a reference.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Relationship:** _____

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Please provide an additional person the AWW Office can contact in the case that we cannot reach you, you are not actively monitoring, or we need to request the return of the materials.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Relationship:** _____

For applicants requesting Water Chemistry Kits:

I agree to share the kit with other certified monitors in my area, if the need arises.

_____ (Initial here)

For all applicants:

I will return the water chemistry monitoring kit, unused bacteriological monitoring supplies, and/or other testing materials, if I do not start monitoring within 3 months of receiving my monitoring supplies or if I wish to stop monitoring at any point in the future.

_____ (Initial here)

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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