

# Free CSFS Nursery Trees for PLT-Trained Teachers



**FREE TREES** for Project Learning Tree trained teachers for student tree projects.

Colorado has lost many trees and due to fires, floods, bugs and drought. Now is a good time to involve students in helping to replace them and the important ecosystem services they provided.

Thanks to a grant from the American Forest Foundation and Project Learning Tree, teachers may request trees from the Colorado State Forest Service nursery for planting on private or public land. Trees will be available for spring or fall, 2014, in quantities of 1 to 200, up to \$500 per teacher. Trees may be used for large or small tree planting projects, such as a private yard or public park, mountain side or stream bank, wind break. Or, trees may be awarded to students who earn a tree prize for a tree/forest related lesson, program, contest or event. Trees and plantings might be added to a larger planting project being conducted in the community by a non-profit group or natural resource agency.

It is suggested that assistance be requested to determine the suitable size and type of trees for the planting location, conditions and purpose. Teachers are expected to publicize their project in their school district and community. We expect to fund 20-30 projects of various sizes around the state; teachers may request one hundred dollar stipends following the completion of the project, including publicity, to help pay for some of the additional expenses associated with the projects.

## How do you get your trees?

- Apply online at [www.coloradoplnt.org](http://www.coloradoplnt.org) by March 21.
- Demonstrate that you have a plan for success and long term project sustainability.
- Complete applications will be reviewed and ranked, with notification of award by March 20. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Trees will be shipped to you or your local CSFS district office for pick up in time for your project.

**Questions to consider when applying for trees . . .Once you start the application, you must complete it all. Your answers won't be saved if you stop and come back later.**

- Are you coordinating a student tree planting project in spring or fall?
- What is the date of the project?
- What is the location of the planting? On private or public land?
- Are you working with any other organization, group or agency to accomplish this project (not necessary but may result in a better project)?
- Why are you doing this project/planting these trees in this location?
- Do you have plans for keeping the trees alive for the first few years?
- Do you know how to successfully plant and care for trees?
- Have you attended a PLT workshop?
  - If so, when and where.
  - If not, you must attend one before the project begins. See upcoming [workshop lists](#) at [www.coloradoplant.org](http://www.coloradoplant.org)
- How do you plan to involve your students?
- How many students will be involved? What grades/ages?
- How many leaders, volunteers, parents will be working with you?
- How do you intend to announce your project in your school community, and in your home community? (*We'll tell you what information must be included.*)
- What kind of trees do you want to plant? How many? What size? See the [list of recommendations](#).
- What logistics are required: transportation, tools, gloves, water, weed and deer barriers, mulch (if necessary).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- We hope to provide trees to teachers throughout the state. We will be able to select at least 25 projects. We will select projects with the greatest chances of success and impact on students, communities, and the likelihood to increase public awareness of PLT and CSFS.

- Download and print the application, at [www.coloradoplit.org](http://www.coloradoplit.org) by March 21. Contact [scrocker@colostate.edu](mailto:scrocker@colostate.edu) with questions.
- ONLY Complete applications will be reviewed and ranked, with notification of award by March 30. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.