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Sierra Club announces 2019-20 recipients of the Ed Rowe Memorial Grants for Kansas Primary and Secondary Environmental Educators


The Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club has announced its 2019-20 recipients of the Ed Rowe Memorial Grants for Kansas Primary and Secondary Environmental Educators.

This year’s grant recipients are Ashley Blackman (Cottonwood Elementary School, Paola), Gary Keehn (Jackson Heights High School, Holton), Bruce Owens (Pleasant Hill Learning Campus, Topeka), and Mary Schridde (Hoisington Middle School, Hoisington).

These Kansas teachers have received grants of up to $1,000 to support their efforts to educate students about the climate crisis and the impact of human activity on
the natural world. Their projects include studies of water quality, Kansas pollinators, aquaponics, and flood control.

The Kansas Chapter has sponsored environmental education grants for seven years in this unique program, which is the first of its kind in the national Sierra Club. The Chapter has awarded over $25,000 in grants to certified K-12 teachers in accredited Kansas Schools since the program’s inception, thanks to support from Kansas Sierra Club members. Recipients have included teachers from across the academic spectrum, from the arts to the sciences, throughout the Sunflower State, including urban, suburban, and rural districts.

The Kansas Chapter will begin accepting applications for the 2020-21 academic year in December. For more information, please visit Kansas.SierraClub.org and click the Projects tab.

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