

The Bonnie the Bat Education 2023 Grant

Bonnie, the big brown bat, introduced thousands of adults and children to the wonderful world of bats through classes and programs given by Dr. Patricia Brown. Bonnie never tried to bite, and rarely emitted an irritation buzz. She also reached a larger audience through appearances on the Jay Leno Show, Nickelodeon and Beekman's World.

To honor Bonnie's memory and continue her legacy in bat education, the 'Bonnie the Bat Education Grant' was established. This grant will help fund bat education themed projects. Project proposals need to explain how the money would be spent. After review, one proposal will be awarded \$500 at the WBWG Biennial Meetings April 19-21 in Victoria, British Columbia.

Proposals are now being accepted for the Bonnie the Bat Education Grant Awards. The application deadline is **March 15, 2023**.

Please limit proposals to 2 pages including a **cover page** with the title of the project, the applicants name, affiliation, and physical and email addresses; and a **narrative** addressing the award criteria listed below. These should be submitted electronically by March 15, 2023 to Patricia Brown at patbobbat@aol.com and cced to Brad Phillips at bphillips@goldenwest.net, with a message subject of Bonnie the Bat Grant Proposal. Receipt will be acknowledged.

A committee of representatives of WBWG will judge the proposals based on the following criteria:

1. The project addresses a relevant education and/or conservation issue for western bats.
2. The applicant demonstrates financial need (education project could be compromised without this award) and submits a project budget, that could include additional cash or in-kind services.
3. Preference will be given to projects that reach an "underserved" audience for bat conservation.
4. The project is appropriate for the target audience.