



Apply for a Wild Futures: Small Conservation Grant

Step 1: Create or login to a Blackbaud account

If you have a Blackbaud account

If organizations already have a Blackbaud account, log in as normal. The link will take you to the Wild Future Grant application.

If you do not have a Blackbaud account

If an organization does not have an existing Blackbaud account, click on “Create account” next to the “Sign in” button.

The screenshot shows the Blackbaud Applicant Portal login interface. On the left is a blue vertical bar with the 'blackbaud' logo. The main content area is white and contains the following elements:

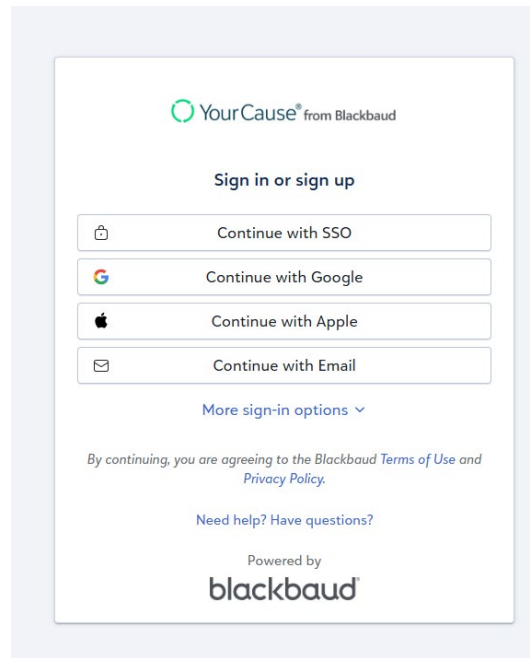
- Applicant Portal** (Section Header)
- ENTER YOUR ACCOUNT DETAILS BELOW** (Instructional text)
- Email address*** (Label for the input field)
- (Email address input field)
- Remember me (Checkbox)
- [Create account](#) (Text link)
- (Sign in button)

At the bottom left of the form area, it says "Powered by: YourCause".



Step 2: Select a sign in method


Select which sign on method you would like to use. The Indianapolis Zoo suggests you sign in with your organization's email address as opposed to a personal email address.



Step 3: Follow the sign on instructions

Follow the sign on instructions and create a secure password. Once you enter your email, you will be prompted to have a confirmation code sent to you. After confirming the code, you will create your password and add your name. Be aware of the listed password requirements.



 YourCause® from Blackbaud

Sign up

The code has been verified. You can now continue.

Password

- Must be 12 or more characters.
- Must contain at least 3 of the following:
 - Lowercase letter
 - Capital letter
 - Number
 - Special character (!, #, %, etc.)

Confirm password

First name

Last name

[Back to sign in](#)

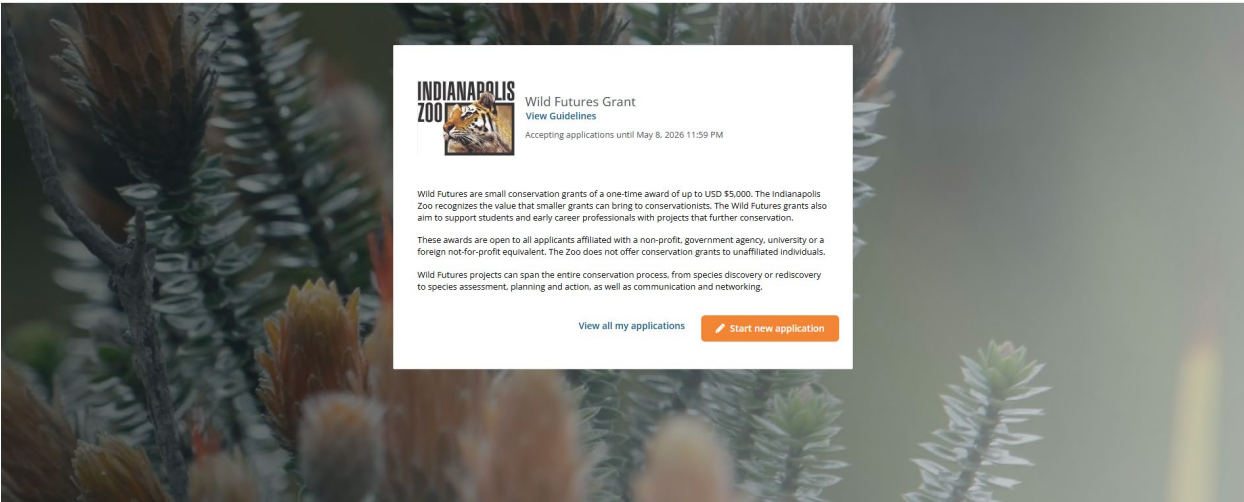
By continuing, you are agreeing to the Blackbaud [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

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Step 4: Start the Wild Futures grant application

After signing in, the Wild Futures Grant page will appear. Click “Start new application.”

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Wild Futures are small conservation grants of a one-time award of up to USD \$5,000. The Indianapolis Zoo recognizes the value that smaller grants can bring to conservationists. The Wild Futures grants also aim to support students and early career professionals with projects that further conservation.

These awards are open to all applicants affiliated with a non-profit, government agency, university or a foreign not-for-profit equivalent. The Zoo does not offer conservation grants to unaffiliated individuals.

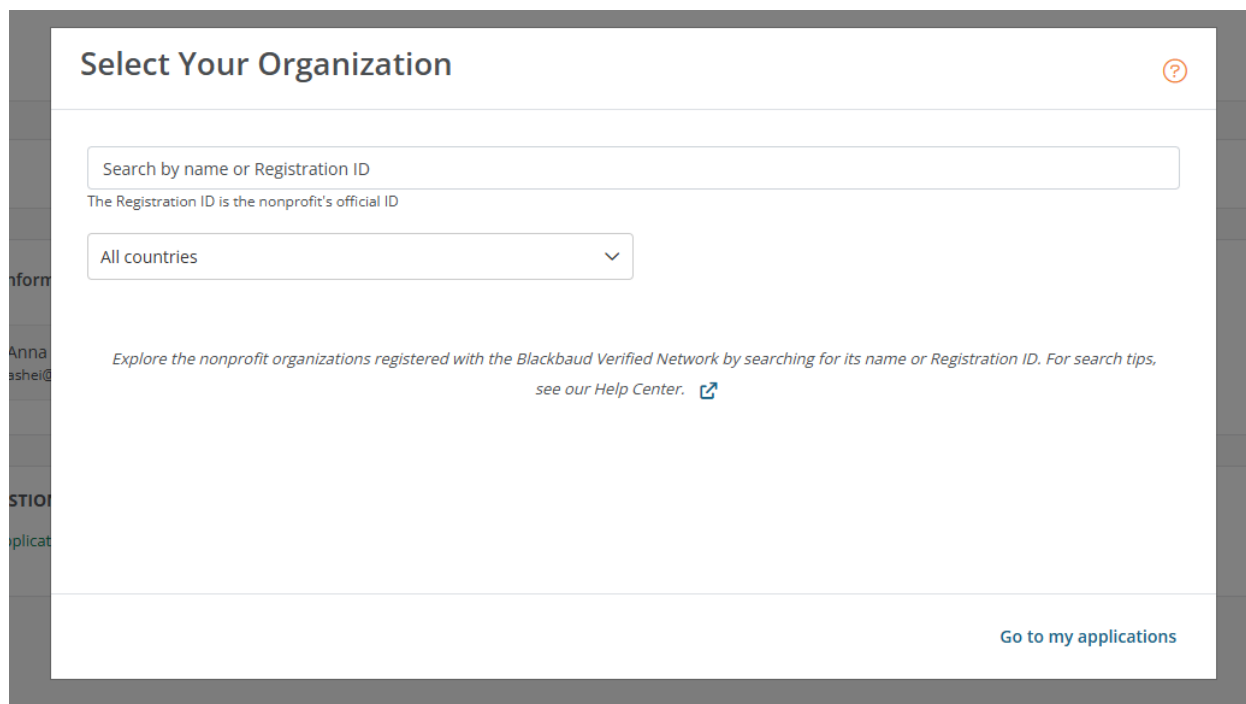
Wild Futures projects can span the entire conservation process, from species discovery or rediscovery to species assessment, planning and action, as well as communication and networking.

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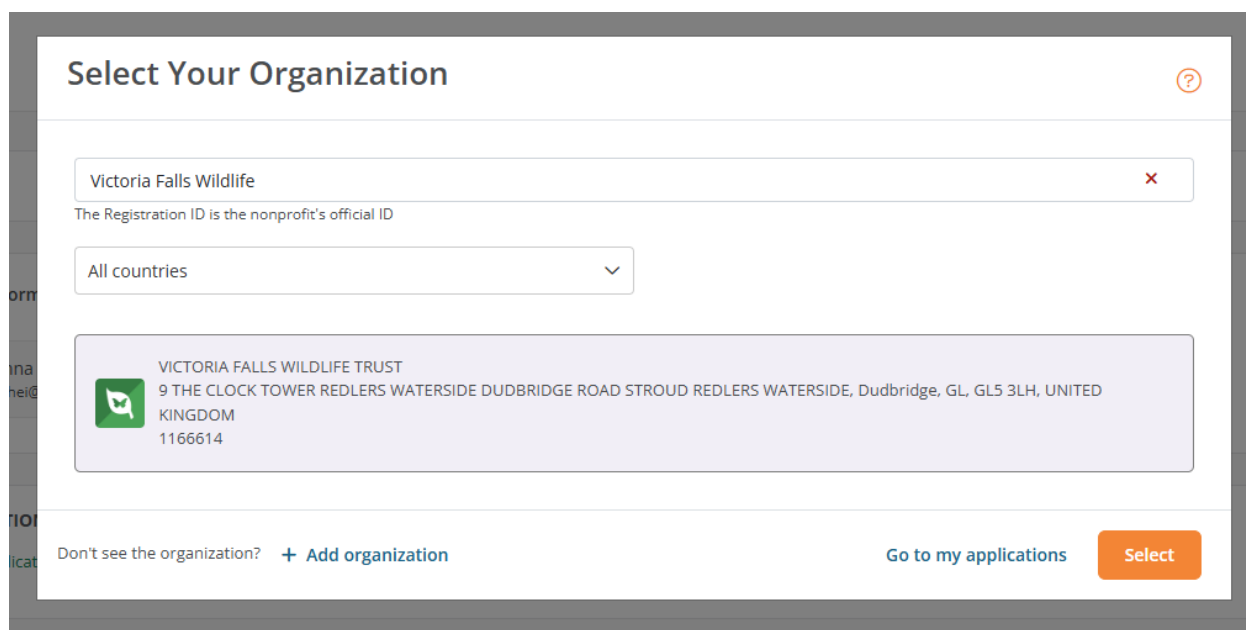
Step 5: Finding your organization

Search for your organization's name. The system may take a minute to load.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Select Your Organization" with a help icon in the top right. Below the title is a search input field containing the placeholder text "Search by name or Registration ID". Underneath the search field is a note: "The Registration ID is the nonprofit's official ID". Below this is a dropdown menu currently set to "All countries". A paragraph of text follows: "Explore the nonprofit organizations registered with the Blackbaud Verified Network by searching for its name or Registration ID. For search tips, see our Help Center." with a link icon. At the bottom right of the interface is a blue link that says "Go to my applications".

If your organization does not populate, click "Add organization" at the bottom of the pop up.



This screenshot shows the same "Select Your Organization" interface, but with search results. The search input field now contains "Victoria Falls Wildlife" and has a red 'x' icon to clear the text. The dropdown menu remains on "All countries". A search result is displayed in a light purple box, featuring a green leaf icon and the following text: "VICTORIA FALLS WILDLIFE TRUST", "9 THE CLOCK TOWER REDLERS WATERSIDE DUDBRIDGE ROAD STROUD REDLERS WATERSIDE, Dudbridge, GL, GL5 3LH, UNITED KINGDOM", and "1166614". At the bottom of the interface, there is a link "Don't see the organization? + Add organization", a blue link "Go to my applications", and an orange "Select" button.



Step 6: Complete the application

If Blackbaud populated your organization, you can begin the application. It will auto populate with information about your organization.

If you had to add your organization, you will have to enter your organization's information before continuing.

You are ready to apply. You only need to create an account once, as you will use it to apply to all future Indianapolis Zoo Field Conservation Grants. Once you have a primary applicant on the application, they can add applicants to the application, and then those added applicants can create a unique Blackbaud login **USING THE SAME EMAIL ADDRESS THAT WAS INCLUDED BY THE PRIMARY APPLICANT** in the "Manage Applicants" menu. This allows collaboration on a single application without sharing accounts.

