Trees for Kids
Nursery Notification Letter

Nursery:

_____ *(applying organization)* is partnering with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the spring 2027 Trees for Kids grant program. The organization will purchase trees directly from the nursery of their choice without the requirement of a competitive bidding process. **The nursery is required to provide an accurate quote which specifies ALL of the following: species and cultivar(s),** if applicable, **including common AND scientific name; quantity, and unit price;** and **total price, including mulch,** if applicable. Please DO NOT include tax with your quote, as Trees for Kids is a tax-exempt program. Please note the following:

1. **Stock MUST be container grown**; field-grown, balled-and-burlaped, or other non-containerized stock WILL NOT be paid for by the applying organization or DNR - ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS;

2. **Containers MUST be either 5-gallon, 7-gallon, 10-gallon, or root bag equivalent**; prior approval MUST be received from DNR if providing stock that is smaller than 5-gallon or larger than 10-gallon;

3. In order to maintain species diversity, **no more than 3 trees of any species OR genus is allowed for quotes of 30 trees or less; no more than 10% of any species or 20% of any genus is allowed for quotes of more than 30 trees**;

4. **Species and cultivars MUST adhere to the "Approved Species List" accompanying this letter**; those that are not on this list MUST receive express approval from the program coordinator;

5. Trees for Kids STRONGLY encourages the use of root-pruning containers, whenever possible, as such containers provide root culture superior to that of hard pots.

☐ By checking this box, I acknowledge that I understand the nursery stock requirements set forth above, and that **stock will meet the standards set forth in ANSI Z60.1**. I also understand that if I fail to acquire permission from the Trees for Kids DNR coordinator for any deviations from these requirements, the stock that I provide will be considered a donation to Trees for Kids. I am fully aware that stock will be inspected by a DNR forestry representative at time of planting, and that any stock determined to be dead or dying, subject to disease, or otherwise unfit for planting will be rejected.

Name & Title: _____ Date: _____

Nursery: _____ City & State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For questions or assistance, please contact program coordinator Chip Murrow at 515-822-1031 or Chip.Murrow@dnr.iowa.gov

Approved Species List

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Acceptable Cultivars (noted regions)
LARGE SHADE TREES	Black Maple	*Acer nigrum*	
	Sugar Maple	*Acer saccharum*	Commemoration, Crescendo, Endowment, Fall Fiesta, Legacy, Green Mountain
	Yellow Buckeye	*Aesculus flava*	
	Ohio Buckeye	*Aesculus glabra*	
	Yellow Birch	*Betula alleghaniensis*	
	River Birch	*Betula nigra*	Heritage
	Gray Birch	*Betula populifolia*	
	Pignut Hickory	*Carya glabra*	(Southern Iowa Only - South of HWY 30)
	Pecan	*Carya illinoinensis*	(Southern Iowa Only - South of HWY 30)
	Shellbark Hickory	*Carya laciniosa*	(Southern Iowa Only - South of HWY 30)
	Shagbark Hickory	*Carya ovata*	
	Northern Catalpa	*Catalpa speciosa*	
	Hackberry	*Celtis occidentalis*	Chicagoland, Prairie Pride, Windy City
	Katsuratree	*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*	
	Yellowwood	*Cladrastis kentuckea*	
	Persimmon	*Diosyros virginiana*	
	Ginkgo	*Ginkgo biloba*	Autumn Gold, Golden Colonnade, Halka, Magyar, Presidential Gold, Princeton Sentry
	Thornless Honeylocust	*Gledistsia triacanthos*	Northern Acclaim, Skyline, Shademaster
	Kentucky Coffeetree	*Gymnocladus dioicus*	Decaf, Expresso, Kentucky Colonel, True North Kentucky, Little Joe, Prairie Titan, Skinny Latte, Stately Manor
	Black Walnut	*Juglans nigra*	
	Sweetgum	*Liquidambar styraciflua*	(Southern Iowa Only - South of HWY 30)
	Tuliptree	*Liriodendron tulipifera*	(Southern Iowa Only - South of HWY 30)
	Osage Orange	*Maclura pomifera*	White Shield
	Cucumbertree Magnolia	*Magnolia acuminita*	
	Blackgum	*Nyssa slyvatica*	
	American Hophornbeam/Ironwood	*Ostrya virginiana*	
	London Planetree	*Platanus x acerfolia*	Bloodgood, Exclamation
	Sycamore	*Platanus occidentalis*	
	Bigtooth Aspen	*Populus grandidentata*	(Northern Iowa - North of HWY 30)
	Quaking Aspen	*Populus tremuloides*	(Northern Iowa - North of HWY 30)
	White Oak	*Quercus alba*	
	Swamp White Oak	*Quercus bicolor*	
	Scarlet Oak	*Quercus coccinea*	
	Northern Pin Oak	*Quercus ellipsoidalis*	
	Shingle Oak	*Quercus imbricaria*	
	Bur Oak	*Quercus macrocarpa*	
	Chinkapin Oak	*Quercus muehlenbergii*	
	Pin Oak	*Quercus palustris*	
	English Oak	*Quercus robur*	
	Heritage Oak	*Quercus robur x macrocarpa*	
	Northern Red Oak	*Quercus rubra*	
	Shumard Oak	*Quercus shumardii*	
	Black Oak	*Quercus velutina*	

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	American Linden	*Tilia americana*	American Sentry, Boulevard, Front Yard, Legend
	Littleleaf Linden	*Tilia cordata*	Glenleven
	Silver Linden	*Tilia tomentosa*	
LOW-GROWING SHADE TREES	Paperbark Maple	*Acer griseum*	
	Serviceberry	*Amelanchier spp.*	Autumn Brilliance, Allegheny, Cole's Select, Cumulus, Lamarkii, Princess Diana, Shadblow, Snowcloud, Spring Flurry, Strata
	European Hornbeam	*Carpinus betulus*	
	American Hornbeam	*Carpinus caroliniana*	
	Dwarf Hackberry	*Celtis tenuifolia*	
	Eastern Redbud	*Cercis canadensis*	
	Pagoda Dogwood	*Cornus alternifolia*	
	Kousa Dogwood	*Cornus kousa*	
	Cornelian Cherry Dogwood	*Cornus mas*	
	Eastern Wahoo	*Euonymus atropurpureus*	
	Witch hazel	*Hamamelis viginiana*	
	Elizabeth Magnolia	*Magnolia x 'Elizabeth'*	
	Loebner Magnolia	*Magnolia x loebneri*	Ballerina, Leonard Messell, Merrill, Spring Snow
	Saucer Magnolia	*Magnolia x soulangeana*	
	Star Magnolia	*Magnolia stellata*	Centennial, Royal Star
	Flowering Crabapple	*Malus spp.*	Adirondack, Donald Wyman, Doublooms, Golden Raindrops, Harvest Gold, Indian Magic, Louisa, Orange Crush, Purple Prince, Raspberry Spear, Red Jewel, Royal Fountain, Royal Raindrops, Ruby Dayze, Show Time, Snow Crystal, Sparkling Sprite, Sugar Tyme
	Dwarf Chinkapin Oak	*Quercus prinoides*	
	Bladdernut	*Staphylea trifolia*	
	Nannyberry	*Viburnum lentago*	
	Blackhaw Viburnum	*Viburnum prunifolium*	
CONIFERS	White Fir / Concolor Fir	*Abies concolor*	
	Eastern Redcedar	*Juniperus virginiana*	
	European Larch	*Larix decidua*	
	Dawn Redwood	*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*	
	Norway Spruce	*Picea abies*	
	White Spruce	*Picea glauca*	
	Black Hills Spruce	*Picea glauca var. densata*	
	Black Spruce	*Picea mariana*	
	Serbian Spruce	*Picea omorika*	
	White Pine	*Pinus strobus*	
	Douglas Fir	*Pseudotsuga menziesii*	
	Bald Cypress	*Taxodium distichum*	(Southern Iowa Only - South of HWY 30)
	Eastern Hemlock	*Tsuga canadesis*	