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Privacy Notice

JBT Grant Applications & Student Placement Enquiries

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This notice explains how Plants Above Treeline (PAT) collects and uses personal information submitted through applications for the Joint Botanical Tours (JBT) Grant and enquiries about Student Placements at Valdres Alpine Garden Project. It also covers related correspondence. It does not cover general membership registration, tour bookings or purchases from the separately operated Nursery & Services.

1. Who is responsible for your information?

Plants Above Treeline (PAT) is responsible for the personal information submitted to the association for these two purposes.

Contact: info@alpine-plants.com | Website: www.alpine-plants.com

Postal address: Plants Above Treeline. Raasokvn. 58, 1900 Fetsund, Norway **Organisation number:** [insert when available]

2. What information do we collect?

JBT Grant applications

We collect your name, email address, country of residence, age at the start of the excursion, PAT membership status, destination and tour dates, and the information you provide about botanical interests, experience, motivation, learning expectations and the importance of financial support. We may also retain application dates, assessment notes, decisions and related correspondence.

Student Placement enquiries

We collect your name, email address, country of residence, educational institution (if provided), field of study, preferred placement period, learning interests and objectives, and any additional information you choose to include. We may also retain enquiry dates, correspondence and the outcome of discussions.

Please do not include health information, identification document numbers, bank details or other sensitive information in an initial application or enquiry. If additional information is required for an awarded grant or confirmed placement, we will explain the purpose and handling of that information separately.

3. Why do we use your information?

JBT Grant

We use application information to check eligibility, assess applications against the published criteria, communicate decisions, and administer any awarded grant.

Student Placements

We use enquiry information to respond to your request, assess whether an appropriate educational opportunity may be available, discuss learning objectives and practical arrangements, and coordinate a placement if one is agreed.

Legal basis

For assessment of initial applications and enquiries, we rely on our legitimate interests in administering PAT's non-profit educational initiatives fairly and responding to requests (GDPR Article 6(1)(f)). Where processing is necessary to enter into or fulfil a specific grant or placement agreement, Article 6(1)(b) may apply. We retain information required by applicable law under Article 6(1)(c).

We do not use application or enquiry information for unrelated marketing, and we do not make grant or placement decisions solely by automated means.

4. Who may receive your information?

Access is limited to people authorised to assess and administer the relevant activity. For Student Placements, necessary information may be shared with the privately owned garden's owner to assess or arrange practical learning. Where relevant, information may also be discussed with your educational institution in connection with an agreed placement.

Wix and relevant service providers process data to operate our website and application forms. Information may also be disclosed where required by law. We do not sell your data or share it for commercial marketing by Plants Above Treeline Nursery & Services.

5. Storage, security and international processing

Applications and enquiries submitted through our website are handled using Wix services. We restrict access to authorised users and take reasonable technical and organisational measures to protect personal information.

Wix and its service providers may store or process information in countries outside the European Economic Area, including the United States and Israel. International transfers are handled using applicable safeguards, such as adequacy decisions or standard contractual clauses where required. Information about Wix's arrangements is available through its Privacy and Trust Centre.

6. How long do we keep your information?

Unsuccessful JBT Grant applications: normally deleted within six months after the selection decision has been communicated.

Student Placement enquiries that do not result in a placement: normally deleted within six months after the enquiry has been closed or the last relevant correspondence.

Awarded grants and agreed placements: initial applications, enquiry narratives and related assessment notes are normally deleted within six months after the relevant activity and administrative follow-up have been completed, unless a specific need justifies longer retention.

Financial and other legally required records: only the necessary information is retained for the period required by applicable law.

We may retain information longer where necessary to resolve an ongoing complaint or legal claim. Non-identifying statistics may be kept after personal details have been removed.

7. Your rights

Subject to applicable data protection law, you may ask to access, correct, delete or restrict use of your personal information. You may also object to processing based on legitimate interests, and request data portability where the legal conditions apply. You can withdraw your application or enquiry by contacting PAT.

To make a request, email info@alpine-plants.com. You may also lodge a complaint with the Norwegian Data Protection Authority (Datatilsynet) or another competent supervisory authority.

8. Changes to this notice

We may update this notice if our application procedures, services or legal obligations change. The current version will be available on the PAT website.