

# **Learn to Farm Classroom Mini-Grant**

**Project Purpose:** The Learn-to-Farm Classroom Mini-Grant Program is designed to show students that agriculture is an integral part of our everyday environment. Farms, wildlife, forestry, people, and cities are all interrelated with agriculture. It is important for children to understand where their food and fiber comes from and build an appreciation for the agricultural industry.

## **Criteria:**

- Project must directly involve students in a public or private elementary, middle, or high school. Due to limited funding, pre-schools, colleges and community clubs are not eligible.
- The project must be advised by a county Farm Bureau volunteer leader (If you do not have a Farm Bureau contact, we will work to partner you with a local contact.
- Teachers must design a project that includes production agriculture crops and/or activities related to successfully growing and producing food or fiber. Examples: wheat, corn, oats, peanuts, cotton, fruits, vegetables, honey bees, composting, vermiculture, soil nutrition, or other effective farming practices. Virtual projects will be accepted.
- Goals and objectives must be clearly stated and measurable, and the project must directly involve their students.
- Teachers must schedule a school visit with a state YF&R committee member or other representative so that students can showcase their project. The necessary information to make this possible will be provided to all mini-grant recipients.
- Must be willing to allow South Carolina Farm Bureau to photograph and/or video project for promotional purposes.

## **Application Process:**

- Applicants may only submit one application per year.
- Proposals should include all requested information, and principal must approve of project.
- Applications must be submitted in the online award application portal by 11:59 am on Thursday, July 31st.
- A selection committee will evaluate each application before grants are awarded.
- Applicants will be notified of winner selections by September 9th .

**Grant Funding:** One school from each of the 4 SCFB Districts\* in the state will be selected to receive a \$500 grant.\* *The SCFB Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee reserves the right to change the distribution of grants per district based on the applications received.*

Coordinating Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip/County: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level(s) served and Subject area(s):

Number of Students Involved:

Is this program already in place? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Plan: (Give details of your project plan for both short and long term. Extra points will be awarded for sustainability plans for the project. *3000 characters*.)

Goals and Objectives: Briefly list the goals & learning objectives. *3000 characters*.

Please provide your projected schedule for implementation. *3000 characters*

Please list your budget items needed and amounts: (Note: Receipts may be requested to prove funds were allocated for the project) *3000 characters*

Will you be receiving any cost-share assistance from other organizations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Farm Bureau Volunteer Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how the volunteer Farm Bureau contact would be involved with the project. *500 characters*

Describe how you will measure the effectiveness of this grant. Explain how the activities directly relate to your objective(s). *600 characters*.

How is this project going to enhance your students' views of agriculture? *600 characters.*

Project Vision: In 250 words or less, please give a summary/overview in paragraph form for this project.

Initial this box if your school principal has approved and agrees to support this project in the event that you are chosen as a mini-grant recipient.

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School Principal Name & Email: \_\_\_\_\_