

Texas Farm Bureau's Learning From the Ground Up Garden Grant Program

Project Overview: Texas Farm Bureau and Ag in the Classroom's Garden Grant Program was created to support schools and organizations who strive to help students understand the source of their food, fuel, and fiber and to help Texas school children gain a greater knowledge and appreciation of agriculture. Qualifying projects will provide students with hands-on, experiential learning about agriculture through the funding of a new garden project or improvements to an existing garden or greenhouse.

Grants may be requested for up to \$500, with the possibility of matching funds from a local County Farm Bureau.

Texas Farm Bureau reserves the right to partially fund grant requests and there is a limit to the number of grants that will be awarded.

Applicants must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Teacher or administrator of any Texas PK-12 schools, public and private.
- PTAs or other organizations may apply when the project will directly engage students.

Project and Application Guidelines:

- Agricultural concepts must be used. Preference will be given to projects that directly engage students in a hands-on agricultural experience.
- Students must be directly engaged in the educational component.
- Applications must include a timeline of the project and list all community partners.
- A detailed budget with estimated expenses must be included in the application.
- Grant checks will be made payable to the school or organization, not to an individual.
- Only one grant application per school may be submitted per grant cycle.
- Project must be science based.
- Lesson plan with TEKS and STAAR correlations must be submitted. Lesson plan will remain property of teacher.

Project Reporting and Fund Disbursement: Successful applicants will be given half of the granted funds upon notification of selection. Remaining funds will be delivered by TFB staff at a visit. Grant recipients will be required to file a final report. Final reports should detail the project outcome and the number of students the project actually engaged. Final reports are due to TFB by May 15.

TFB strongly encourages you to submit photos in electronic form as well as appropriate photo releases.

Submission and Notification: Applications may be submitted to Texas Farm Bureau via mail or email. Applications will be accepted beginning **August 15 through October 15, 2016.**

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Applications will be accepted:
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I. General Information – Please fill out, scan/print, and attach with Parts II-IV

Title of Project: _____

School Name: _____ School Phone # _____

County _____

Physical Address of School: _____

Mailing Address of School: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Total Amount Requested: _____

Signature of Administrator: _____

Please attach parts II, III, and IV on a Word document. Successful applicants will fully address each question.

II. Project Overview:

a. Goals and objectives of project: What is the goal? What do you hope to achieve?

b. Description of project: How will you achieve the above goals and objectives?

c. Projected outcomes and measurable impact: How will you measure success?

d. Number and grade level(s) of students to be directly involved.

e. Does this project address TEKS and STAAR curriculum in Science and how?

Please include lesson plan. Also, list any cross-curricular concepts.

f. What agricultural concepts will be utilized? What will students learn about agriculture?

g. Is this an existing project? If yes, specify how the requested funds will improve or expand your current program.

h. List any community partnerships or other organizations that will be involved in the project.

III. Project Budget with estimated expenses: (include any in-kind or other contributions)

IV. Project Timeline