PROJECT OVERVIEW
Texas Farm Bureau and Ag in the Classroom’s Learning from the Ground Up Garden Grant Program was created to support schools and organizations that 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. The Garden Grant Program seeks to connect small-scale gardening to farming operations, so students understand food production.

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. Aquaponic and hydroponic systems are eligible if they are used to teach food production. We encourage teachers to think outside the box and adapt programs to fit the current environment, which could include take-home container gardens and so much more. Food production and learning truly happens here, there, and everywhere!

Grants may be requested for up to $500, with the possibility of matching funds from a County Farm Bureau. Texas Farm Bureau reserves the right to partially fund grant requests, and a limited number of grants will be awarded.

APPLICANTS MUST MEET AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
• Teacher or administrator of any Texas PK-12 schools, public or 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.
• For agricultural science teachers applying for the grant, the project must incorporate elementary or junior high students (i.e. those not already enrolled in ag courses) into the project in some capacity as to increase agricultural literacy outside of general agricultural courses.
• High school teachers teaching courses other than agricultural science courses are eligible to apply.
• 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 (an elementary school and a middle school from the same district can each submit an application, but two applications for the same elementary school cannot).
• Project must be science based.
FUND DISBURSEMENT AND PROJECT REPORTING
Grant recipients will be given half of the awarded funds upon notification of selection. Remaining funds will be presented by a TFB staff person or County Farm Bureau representative at a school visit. Grant recipients will be required to share updates and file a final report electronically with TFB by June 1, 2021. TFB strongly encourages grant recipients to submit photos in electronic form, as well as appropriate photo releases.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION
Applications must be submitted at [https://forms.gle/3h82Rg6D8oVWJPa99](https://forms.gle/3h82Rg6D8oVWJPa99) by **11:59 p.m. October 23, 2020**.

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