

# Agriculture in the Classroom Garden Grant Program Overview and Application



## Project Overview

The Agriculture in the Classroom Garden Grant Program was created to support schools and organizations who strive to connect students with the source of their food through school gardens. Such a connection will not only foster a greater understanding and appreciation of agriculture but will also support core curriculum standards.

Grants for new gardens may be requested for up to \$500. Grants for on-going garden projects may be requested for up to \$250. Agriculture in the Classroom reserves the right to partially fund grant requests.

Applications are due by **September 26**. Recipients will be notified by October 17.

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

- Teacher or administrator of any Virginia PK-12 schools, public or private.
- 4H and/or FFA clubs are eligible when applying for a project that will serve the general school population.
- PTAs or other parent organizations may apply when the project will directly engage students.

Project and Application Guidelines:

- Acceptable grant projects may include school gardens or greenhouses. Garden must be located on or adjacent to school property.
- Grant funds may not be used for butterfly gardens or nature trails, however these may be included in the overall project. Gardens may include vegetables, fruits and/or nursery products (including floriculture).
- Students must be directly engaged in the educational component.
- Special consideration will be given to those applicants who incorporate Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom materials into their projects.
- Grant checks will only be made payable to the school or organization, not to an individual.
- Previous recipients of an Agriculture in the Classroom grant must wait 12 months before applying again.
- Schools must have an average daily attendance of at least 100 students.

#### Project Reporting and Fund Disbursement

Successful applicants will be given half of the granted funds upon notification of selection and the remaining funds upon completion and filing of final report.

Final reports are due to Agriculture in the Classroom by May 31 and may be completed online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AITCGrantReport>. Final reports must include at least 3 photographs of your projects. If students are included in the pictures, please be sure to have appropriate releases.

#### Submission and Notification

Please submit applications online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016AITCGardenGrant>.

Applications are due by September 26. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status in writing by October 17. Successful applicants will also be provided with a press release to announce their grant projects.

#### **Contact Agriculture in the Classroom with Questions:**

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