

White-Reinhardt Fund for Education

2011 Educator Scholarship

A project of the



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Guidelines and Application Form

The White-Reinhardt Fund for Education is a special project of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture[®] (AFBFA) in cooperation with the American Farm Bureau[®] Women's Leadership Committee. It was established to honor two former chairs of that committee, Berta White and Linda Reinhardt, who were leaders in the national effort to improve agricultural literacy. The educator scholarship is one of two components of the fund.

Purpose: The purpose of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference Educator Scholarship Program is to provide travel expense funds to educators employed by a school system to attend the national conference for the purpose of using the information gained from the conference to expand their outreach to students regarding food, fuel and fiber.

Eligibility: Educators employed by a school system and working in grades K-12 who have demonstrated involvement in agricultural literacy programs are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Application Guidelines:

- Scholarship applications must be completed and submitted to the state Farm Bureau president, administrator or Agriculture in the Classroom program coordinator for signature and a statement of support.
- Applications must be submitted to the state Farm Bureau office by **October 15, 2010**.
- Applications, including state Farm Bureau statement of support and signature, must be submitted to AFBFA postmarked by **November 1, 2010**.
- Notifications to recipients of the scholarships will be sent by **in early March**. All applicants will receive notification of the results **in early March**.
- Recipients will receive reimbursement of expenses for the conference not covered by any other funding source and not to exceed \$1,500. Expense items include hotel, meals not included in the conference package, transportation expenses (mileage or air fare, whichever is less), parking, and registration fees.

- In order to be reimbursed, the recipient must submit an expense form with receipts, a one- to two-page report to include what the teacher learned, how he/she plans to use the information in the classroom, how he/she intends to share the information with other teachers, and a projection of how many students would be reached with the information in the next school year.

Selection Criteria:

A committee composed of Farm Bureau leaders and other individuals with a working knowledge of agriculture and/or education programs will evaluate the applications.

Each evaluator will be asked to score the applications according to the following criteria:

1. The applicant has demonstrated through past programs an ability to create innovative programs to teach students about food, fiber and fuel. (30 points)
2. The applicant explains how the information gained will be used following the conference. (40 points)
 - a. Using information in the classroom (20 points maximum)
 - b. Sharing the information with other teachers (20 points maximum)
3. The applicant communicates a valid reason for why he/she wants to attend the conference. (20 points)
4. The state Farm Bureau supports the applicant as indicated by the statement of support and signature. (10 points)

Timeline:

- Applicants submit application to the state Farm Bureau office postmarked by **October 15, 2010**.
- State Farm Bureau submits signed and approved applications to the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. The application must be postmarked by **November 1, 2010**.
- Winners will be notified **in early March**.
- Expense reports and written conference reports are due to the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture after the conclusion of the conference but no later than **November 15, 2011**.
- Reimbursement will be sent to the recipient within **30 days** of receipt of expenses and report.

NOTE: To facilitate even distribution of funds, preference will be given to those teachers who have not received scholarships in the past. Teachers receiving scholarships in the past three years are not prohibited from applying and outstanding applications will still be considered. However, the foundation would prefer that a teacher utilize this scholarship opportunity only once every three years and will judge the applications accordingly.

How do you plan to use the information gained from the conference in your classroom(s)?

How do you plan to share the information gained from the conference with other teachers?

Please explain why you want to attend the 2011 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference:

I am applying for other funding to attend this conference. If yes, please specify:

If selected for this scholarship, I understand that I will be reimbursed for up to \$1,500 in expenses upon submission of receipts for approved expense items and a one- to two-page report of the conference.

Signature of Applicant

Date

STATEMENT INFORMATION

Statement from state Farm Bureau[®] President, Administrator, or Coordinator of Agriculture in the Classroom regarding the applicant's prior involvement in Agriculture in the Classroom and listing any other funding available for the applicant to attend the national conference:

Signature of State Farm Bureau President, Administrator or Staff

Date

Submit signed applications to:

American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture[®]
600 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 1000W,
Washington, DC, 20024

Phone: 1-800-443-8456; Fax: 202-406-3756; E-mail: foundation@fb.org

Applications must be postmarked to AFBFA by November 1, 2010.

*The application may not exceed 4 pages with an 11 point font or larger.