WISCONSIN FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION - AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

2017-2018 MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation is offering matching grants of up to $500 to groups sponsoring programs or projects that promote agricultural literacy. Grants will be awarded for amounts up to $500 to applicants that secure or provide equal matching funds for the proposed project. Grants may be awarded for less than the full amount requested, based upon discretion of the judges and the funds available. The budget section of this application provides space for detailing the amount requested and how it will be utilized.

Grant Selection Criteria

A judging committee will review all funding requests that are properly completed and postmarked by March 1. Completed applications must be typed or computer-generated, using a font size no smaller than 10-point. The application may be reproduced using word-processing software only if line/page spacing is not altered. **Please submit five copies of the application (the original can be signed and then four copies made from it).** An editable form of this application is available at **wisagclassroom.org.**

The proposed project must be targeted to grades PreK-12 and should enhance student knowledge of the contribution made by agriculture. Projects that use funds toward an ongoing, sustainable education effort will receive preference over those that involve a 'one-time' program. Proposed projects or events designed to reach large groups of students will be given preference, as will those that involve innovative approaches to promoting agricultural literacy. Continuing, annual or on-going projects should show plans for improvement, expansion of program or other changes the grant will help achieve.

Each funding request must include the following:

- Goals and objectives of project – 20%
- Description of proposed project and how it enhances student awareness of agriculture – 40%
- Itemized budget summary – 20%
- Project timetable – 5%
- Methods to be used to measure the success of the project –5%
- Listing of local groups, individuals or other partnering organizations involved in the proposed project – 10%
- 100-word summary of the project for press releases and promotional purposes
- Signature of applicant and matching group representative (required)

Application Information

Complete the attached form and return postmarked by March 1, 2018 to: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Agriculture in the Classroom, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705. Winning applicants will be notified by early May. All projects that receive funding must be completed by May 31, 2019. A final report of the project and how funds were utilized must be submitted to Ag in the Classroom by June 30, 2019.

For more information:

Please contact the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation at 608.836.5575 or visit wisagclassroom.org

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Deadline – Postmarked by March 1 **Please submit 5 copies!**

Organization name: _____

Project contact person: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State: WI** **Zip:** _____

Email address: _____

Title of project: _____ **Funds Requested: $** _____

Name of local newspaper_____ **Address** _____

Signature of applicant: _____

Signature of representative and address of primary organization providing matching funds:

Signature _____

Address _____

1. Goals and objectives of project (20%)

2. Description of proposed project and how it enhances student awareness of agriculture (40%)

3. Itemized Budget Summary (20%) ***Include name of organization(s) that will provide primary funds to be matched by this grant.***

4. Project timetable (5%)

5. Methods to be used to measure the success of the project (5%)

6. Local groups, individuals or other partnering organizations involved in the proposed project (10%)

7. Please enter a 100-word or less summary of your project that can be used for press releases and promotion of the Matching Grant Program.

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