



September 2018
Ag in the Classroom Newsletter for
our Ag in the Classroom Volunteers!

Fall Information Meetings Set for October

If you missed the first set of meetings in August, the second round of Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Informational meetings will be held to offer an opportunity to learn more about the Ag in the Classroom program. The meetings are open to Ag in the Classroom volunteers, 4-H Extension staff and club leaders, agriculture education instructors, FFA Food for America committee chairs, FFA Alumni, commodity groups, homeschool parents, teachers of all grade levels and subjects, Farm Bureau members and others interested in learning more about Ag in the Classroom resources and initiatives. There is no charge and preregistration.

The first set of Back to School meetings were held in August. This series will cover other parts of the state not reached in that round. Attend whatever location is most convenient for your schedule.

- Tuesday, October 16, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Winnebago County Extension Office- Room B
625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh (Winnebago County)
- Wednesday, October 17, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Brown County Library- Central Library Location- Room 1
515 Pine Street, Green Bay (Brown County)
- Monday, October 22, from 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Platteville Public Library – Community Room
225 West Main Street, Platteville (Grant County)
- Wednesday, October 24 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Hatch Public Library- Public Meeting Room
111 West State Street, Mauston (Juneau County)
- Tuesday, October 30 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Kenosha Public Library- Southwest Location- Room A
7979 38th Avenue, Kenosha (Kenosha County)

Contact Darlene Arneson at darneson@wfbf.com or 608.828.5644 with questions. Learn more about Ag in the Classroom by visiting wisagclassroom.org.

Don't forget to 'refresh' when you visit our website! As we upload new resources, change the contest information, and change other items, you need to hit the refresh sign to get the changes! So, if the forms look old or not right, try hitting 'refresh!'



Book of the Year and Essay Contest for 2018-19

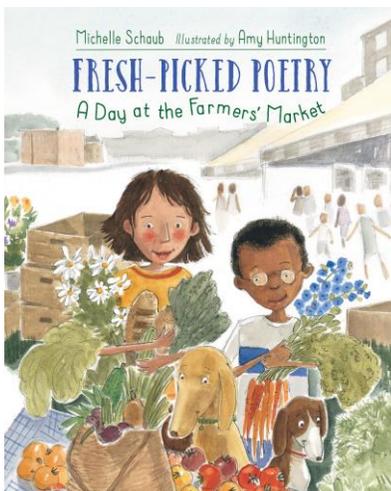
The 2019 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year, "Fresh-Picked Poetry," is written by Michelle Schaub of Illinois.

Each year, the Ag in the Classroom program holds an essay contest in conjunction with the book of the year for fourth and fifth grade students throughout the state. This year's essay contest topic is, "Making it happen at the Farmers' Market". Accompanying lessons aligned to state standards and various Wisconsin educational resources are available online for teachers, students and volunteers to use in promoting and preparing essays.

"The book and topic should be popular as we have more schools offering Farm-to-School and locally grown foods to their food service program," said Darlene Arneson, Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator. "Using various styles of poetry, the author highlights the different aspects of the farmers' market, preparation at the farm, and what happens at the market. The essay contest will give students a wide variety of topics to focus on and teachers may encourage them to use poetry within the essay".

Essay submissions must be 100-to-300 words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. The essay contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located at [wisagclassroom.org/whats-new](https://www.wisagclassroom.org/whats-new). Essays are due April 1.

Nine district winners will be selected with one being chosen as the state winner in May by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Promotion and Education Committee. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation for their class. The essay contest is sponsored by We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Last year, more than 2,500 students participated in the contest.



Where to find what you need?

Book order forms:

<https://www.wisagclassroom.org/teachers-information/childrens-books/>

Essay Contest information:

<https://www.wisagclassroom.org/teachers-information/essay-contest/>

Ag in the Classroom Resources:

<https://www.wisagclassroom.org/teachers-information/order-forms/>

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**WISCONSIN FARM BUREAU
FEDERATION® AGRICULTURE IN THE
CLASSROOM 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR
TEACHER MINI - GRANT PROGRAM
Due October 15**

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation is offering grants up to \$100 each to pre-school through high school teachers, in a public or private school system, to fund projects that promote agricultural literacy in the classroom. Grants can be used for innovative lessons, activities, projects, resources, presentations, school fairs and other projects. Projects should focus on integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas. Priority will be given to applicants for resources that will last more than one school year as opposed to funds for field trips, consumables and 'one-time' use.

A judging committee will review all funding requests that are properly completed and postmarked by **October 15, 2018. Multiple teachers from the same school may apply but the applications must be for different projects and activities!** applications are due and return postmarked by **October 15, 2018** to: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Agriculture in the Classroom, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705. An editable form of this application is available at <https://www.wisagclassroom.org/teachers-information/grants/teacher-mini-grants/>



Livia Doyle, Mineral Point Elementary School, was our state winner last year and was honored in the top eight nationally! Pictured, National AITC President Will Fett presented her with her award in Portland, Maine, in June! **Will one of your teachers be our next winner?**

Outstanding Teacher Award- Due October 15

The Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Program annually recognizes a Wisconsin teacher or a teaching team for their achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture while integrating agricultural concepts across the curriculum.

Who is eligible?

- Certified teachers currently engaged in classroom instruction at the pre-K through 12 levels. Applications may be from an individual teacher or a teaching team.
- Teachers integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula (agriculture education instructors are not eligible).

Download the 2018-19 application here- https://www.wisagclassroom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-2019-Outstanding-Teacher-Application_editable.pdf



2019 National Conference

June 18-21, 2019

Little Rock, Arkansas

<https://www.agclassroom.org/conferences/index.cfm>

Here is a chance to earn a scholarship!!

White-Reinhardt Scholarship Application Guidelines

The White-Reinhardt Fund for Education is a special project of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture® (AFBFA) in collaboration 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.

Purpose: The purpose of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference Scholarship Program is to provide travel expense funds to educators employed by a school system or to active ag literacy volunteers to attend the national conference. From attending this conference, the educator or volunteer will be able to use the information gained to expand their outreach to students on how agriculture contributes to the production of food, fiber, shelter and renewable fuels.

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. Also eligible are active volunteer educators who have demonstrated involvement in agricultural literacy programs through formal classroom and informal learning settings.

Application Guidelines:

- Applications are due **October 15**.
- Recommendations by state Farm Bureaus are required. The Foundation will submit applications to Farm Bureaus for recommendations.
- Recommendations for scholarship applicants are due **November 1**.
- 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 and a one- or two-page report to include what the educator learned, how he/she plans to use the information in the classroom, how he/she intends to share the information with other educators, and a projection of how many students would be reached with the information in the next school year.

***This scholarship is not stackable with another scholarship to the same conference.**

Here is the link to the online application and information!

<http://www.agfoundation.org/projects/ag-scholarships>

Will your county be one of the recipients this year?



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White-Reinhardt Mini-Grant Application Process

Purpose: Mini-grants are offered to **state and county Farm Bureaus** in amounts up to **\$1,000** for education programs for grades K-12 to initiate new programs or expand existing programs to additional grade levels or new subject areas. The purpose of the fund is to support projects that will expand agricultural literacy.

Eligibility: Mini-grants are offered to state and county Farm Bureaus on a competitive basis with priority given to those programs demonstrating a need for financial support.

Mini-Grant Application Timeline:

There will be two application cycles throughout the year.

Cycle 1:

- Applications will be **due October 15**.
- Farm Bureaus have until **November 1** to approve grants.
- Recipients will be notified by early January for February through July projects.
- Initial funding will be issued by February.
- Reports will be due by November 30 the following year and final payments processed.

Cycle 2:

- Applications will be **due April 15**.
- Farm Bureaus have until **May 1** to approve grants.
- Recipients will be notified by early July for August through December projects.
- Initial funding will be issued by August.
- Reports will be due by May 31 the following year and final payments processed.

Find all the requirements, selection criteria and other details at:

<http://www.agfoundation.org/projects/mini-grants-home>

Save the date!
Saturday, January 5, 2019 for a one-day
AITC Event! Details to come!



What's new at the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture in the last few months?! www.agfoundation.org

[New My Little Ag Me printable books](#)

The My Little Ag Me book series is designed to introduce agricultural careers to youth. Our hope is the stories create curiosity around the highlighted careers and thought processes professionals use to complete their work.

[New My Little Ag Me videos](#) – discover careers and technology in ag! Feel free to share!

- [How do we feed more people?](#)
 - How do we feed more people, with less resources? The population is continuing to grow, and yet we are faced with a limited amount of land and water to produce food. Let's see how people working in agriculture are working on this challenge. Highlighted Careers: Farmer, Plant Scientist, Mechanical Engineer
- [How are drones, satellites and sensors used to produce your food?](#)
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[Purple Plow Challenge: Cattle Ranch Riddle](#) **Now open to high school students!**

[Purple Plow Survey](#) help us make the site better!

[Updated Pillars of Ag Literacy webpage](#) for usability

[Open submissions for Feeding Minds Press](#) – Got a story or know someone who does? Submit! Interested in copies of [RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE](#)? Ask us about bulk order pricing or get a sample PDF copy to review.

[Webinar October 11](#) 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Eastern – Learn more about how the Foundation aligns resources to the Pillars of Ag literacy

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<https://www.agclassroom.org/teacher/matrix/>

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The National Agricultural Literacy Curriculum Matrix is an online, searchable, and standards-based curriculum map for K-12 teachers. The Matrix contextualizes national education standards in science, social studies, and nutrition education with relevant instructional resources linked to Common Core Standards. Search our instructional, classroom-ready resources now! After you find what you need, consider storing them in your personal binder — MyBinder! Create a MyBinder profile now, or login.

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