

## "Life Is Better On the Farm" Judging Criteria of This Teacher Grant

**PURPOSE :** To offer financial support to innovative agricultural education projects.

**RATING SCALE:** Give each application section a “point score” that reflects its qualifications for the award according to the established criteria:

The program or project outlined should be easily understood by the evaluator and present complete information. The application is evaluated in each category below by assigning a point score reflective of the evaluator’s assessment of each criteria.

1. The project should reflect a strong relationship between agriculture and education. **(30 points)**
2. The proposal should present a coherent planning process with adequate procedures and timelines to ensure that the proposed project will be completed during the academic year. **(20 points)**
3. The proposed budget is clearly explained and is cost effective in relation to the scope of the work to be done. **(20 points)**
4. The project is creative and interesting for students and will help them become more knowledgeable about the food and fiber system. **(30 points)**

**Arkansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers  
2016-2017  
“Life Is Better On the Farm” Teacher Grant**

The Arkansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Program is offering “Life Is Better On the Farm” grants to K-12 classroom teachers to fund projects that promote agricultural literacy in the classroom.

- To apply for funding, please complete the application form outlining the project, goals and needs. Please use extra paper, if needed, to complete the application.
- Projects may be, but are not limited to, agriculture teaching units, classroom presentations, farm-themed field trips and farm field days. (Money for lunches not included in grant.)
- Projects should focus on integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas and provide students with hands-on, experiential learning about agriculture.
- **School gardens are not eligible for this grant.**
- Grant checks will only be made payable to the school.
- \$500 grants will be awarded as follows: 50% after selection by grant approval committee. The remaining 50% will be awarded upon completion of project and submission of lesson plan.
- Reviewers will look more favorably on an application with direct connections to agriculture.
- If you receive a grant, you must fill out a final report and submit a shareable lesson plan upon completion of the project and before the end of the school year.

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Name:  
School:  
Grade Level:  
School Address:  
County:  
Phone Number:  
Email:

**Project Title:**

**Number of Students Involved in Project:**

**Objectives:**

**Learning Standards Addressed:**

**Overview of Project Timeline:**

**How this Project Relates to Agriculture:**

**Do you plan to use Arkansas Ag in the Classroom Materials?**

**Materials Needed:**

**Budget for Project: (please itemize)**

**Amount Requested: (not to exceed \$500)**

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and questions to Harry Willems: [harry.willems@arfb.com](mailto:harry.willems@arfb.com)

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**Final Report**

Please provide an overview of the results of your Life Is Better On the Farm project. Include any evaluations that were done and any supporting photos on a thumb drive:

Shareable Lesson Plan of Your Project: (This will be offered to other teachers that have an idea for future projects. You will be given credit for any original work that is created.)