



Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program



Grant Criteria Information
and Application Form



Ag in the Classroom Outdoor Classroom Mini-Garden Grant Program



The Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program is designed to show that agriculture is an integral part of our everyday environment. Farms, wildlife, forestry, people, and cities are all interrelated with agriculture. As most of Arkansas' wildlife resides on and feeds off of private property, including farms and timberlands, the gardens can demonstrate the connection between agriculture, food, fiber, conservation, wildlife, and the urban environment.

Criteria for Schools, FFA Chapters, and 4-H Clubs

- A minimum of 100 students for average daily attendance
- Garden must be located on or adjacent to the school site
- A farmer volunteer, preferably a county Farm Bureau board member, must serve as a project advisor.
- Teacher involvement is mandatory, and parental involvement is recommended
- The gardens must contain agricultural crops such as corn, wheat, rice, soybeans, etc. and/or vegetables and fruits. Livestock projects are also acceptable, including bees.
- This funding may not be used for flower or butterfly gardens or nature trails.
- **NEW REQUIREMENT FOR 2024! Submit a short status report detailing the use of funds including pictures/video (if possible) of the project. Due by June 1, 2024.**

General Information

- Applications will be accepted through February 15 as long as funding is available.
- These are matching funds grants, and applications must include matching funds.
- Up to \$500 will be awarded for new gardens, and up to \$250 will be awarded for ongoing garden projects.
- Matching funds may include monetary donations from outside organizations and businesses, school funds, and in-kind donations such as material, labor, equipment, etc.

Questions

Any questions regarding the Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program should be directed to Donette Spann at 501-228-1222 or Lori Croy at 501-228-1306.

Grant applications and status reports may be mailed to:

AITC, Arkansas Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 31, Little Rock, AR 72203

Or, email to: lori.croy@arfb.com

**Arkansas Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom
Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Application**

Name of School/Club: _____ Avg. Daily Attendance: _____

County: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Grade Level(s): _____

Name(s) of coordinating teacher(s): _____

School Phone: _____ Best time: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Best time: _____

Email: _____

Farmer Volunteer Advisor: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Any other cooperating groups: _____

Amount of grant money you are applying for: \$ _____

Value of matching funds: \$ _____

Please describe the details of your matching funds (In-kind gifts, donations, etc.):

Project Plan (Give details of your garden project plan both short and long-term):

Goals and Objectives (Briefly list goals and learning objectives):

Implementation Schedule:

Coordinating Teacher Signature
(or 4-H Club Leader, if 4-H project)

School Principal Signature
(or County 4-H Agent, if 4-H project)