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# Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program

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Grant Criteria Information  
and Application Form



## **AITC Garden Grant**

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 also serve as a project advisor.
- Teacher involvement is mandatory, and parental involvement is recommended
- The gardens must contain agriculture crops such as corn, wheat, rice, soybeans, etc. and/or vegetables and fruits. Livestock projects are also acceptable.
- This funding may not be used for flower gardens, butterfly gardens or nature trails.
- A report on the garden must be submitted, including pictures and/or video, at the end of the project, growing season, or school year

### **General Information**

- There is no deadline for grant applications. Applications are accepted 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 on-going 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 the Arkansas Farm Bureau at 501-228-1306.

Completed grant application may be mailed to:

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

Completed grant applications may be faxed to: 501-228-1557

Completed grant applications may be emailed to: [lori.croy@arfb.com](mailto:lori.croy@arfb.com)

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

Name of school/club: \_\_\_\_\_ Avg. Daily Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of coordinating teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number where you can be reached: School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Farmer Volunteer Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other cooperating groups: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:**

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

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