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AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM **MINI-GRANT PROGRAM**



MISSOURI FARM BUREAU MINI-GRANT APPLICATION

for

AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

What is Agriculture in the Classroom?

Agriculture is an important part of everyone's life. Clothing, food, fuel, housing, medicine, and much more are rooted in agriculture. Educators across the country are effectively integrating agriculture into the curriculum. Agriculture has no subject matter boundaries and can become a part of **social studies, language arts, science, math, environmental education, art, music, or in a combination of areas** that effectively integrate key agricultural principles.

What is a Mini-Grant?

Missouri Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Programs is offering competitive mini-grants of up to **\$250.00** for use in K-12 classroom programs that promote agricultural literacy. The budget section of the application provides space for detailing the amount needed and how it will be utilized.

A total of \$7,500 is available for the 2012-2013 school year funded by the Missouri Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

What are the criteria for selection?

The program objectives should enhance student knowledge of the contribution made by agriculture. Innovative and inter-disciplinary programs are encouraged. Field trips and assemblies must be linked to classroom learning objectives and must outline specific pre- and post-event activities.

Applications will be evaluated by a panel of judges (educators and agricultural leaders). The criteria for selection will be based on the completeness of the application in each area:

- **Strong agricultural message**
- **Alignment with teaching standards**
- **Method of assessment**
- **Quality of resources**
- **Explanation of budget**

How do I apply?

Complete the attached form or answer the questions on a separate page in the order listed, not to exceed the front of two pages. This allows you to use the computer and also dedicate space as needed for each section. A printable copy of the application can be downloaded at www.mofb.org. Return postmarked by **May 31, 2012** to the following address:

**Diane S. Olson
Missouri Farm Bureau
P.O. Box 658, Jefferson City, MO 65102**

Notification of winning applications will be made by **July 1, 2012**

One half the amount will be given upon approval and the remainder upon completion. Mini-grant winners will be required to submit a brief written summary at the conclusion of the program.

For additional information:

Please contact Diane Olson at (573) 893-1414 (phone), dolson@mofb.com (e-mail), (573) 893-1793 (fax), or at the above address.

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NEW DEADLINE — May 31, 2012

Name _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____ e-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School _____ Subject & Grade Level _____

School Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ County (*school location*) _____ Zip Code _____

Local Newspaper(s) _____

**APPLICANT MUST RESPOND TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
USING THIS FORM OR BY USING NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES (ONE SIDED).**

1. Project Title _____

2. Provide a **detailed** description of the project (what, why, how, where, when).
Specifically state how it relates to agriculture!

3. How many students will be reached? _____

4. Describe relationship to Show-Me standards and/or grade level expectations. Parochial schools should include alignment to curriculum standards. (Be specific about how standards relate to agriculture.)

5. List **specific** methods of assessment.

6. **Detail** the timetable for the grant.

7. List **specific** resource materials you already have available for this project.

8. Project budget - must itemize expenses requested.
 - A) Student Materials

 - B) Teacher resources

 - C) Other

Grade Level _____

Total _____

Return to:
Diane S. Olson, Director, Promotion & Education Programs
Missouri Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 658, Jefferson City, MO 65102