

**Request for Applications
Maine Agriculture in the Classroom
2020 Agriculture Education Grant Program**

The Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Council will award grants in 5 categories, totaling up to \$60,000 in support of Maine agriculture education in grade levels pre-kindergarten through 12 as a direct result of the Maine Agricultural Specialty License Plate. Suitable projects will promote an understanding of the food and fiber system in the state and the nation through the infusion of agricultural concepts into Pre K – 12th grade level curricula.

Grant Category 1

Agricultural Awareness Grant – Up to \$1,000

Eligibility

Funding will be available to nonprofit organizations within the state of Maine or serving students within the state of Maine. Matching contributions are encouraged and may consist of; use of facilities, volunteer time, in-kind contributions, community involvement, salaries, etc.

Application Process

- The deadline for submission for current applications is 4:00 PM on December 14, 2020.
- Four paper copies of the grant application and attachments shall be submitted to Willie Sawyer Grenier at Maine Agriculture in the Classroom, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333
- The maximum duration of the grants will be one year.
- Final reports are due on August 3, 2021 but can be submitted sooner,
- Funding awarded may not be consistent with the funding request.
- **If this project includes a school garden and/or greenhouse please use MAITC grant category #3 for School Gardens and Greenhouses.**

Maine Agriculture in the Classroom reserves the right to reproduce projects and materials resulting from this funding. All pictures submitted must be accompanied by a waiver release for their use in MAITC printed materials, online, and other media. The form is posted on the website www.MaineAgintheClassroom.org with grant applications.

Required Application Components

- Completed Cover Page Form – Posted on the website www.MaineAgintheClassroom.org
- Project overview – 1 short paragraph for media use – 50 words or less
- Short description of the project, including objectives, duration of student involvement and target audience – 1 page maximum
- Budget (include matching funds)
- Timeline
- Impact, assessment tools and expected outcomes
- Up to 3 letters of support (optional)

Review Process

Proposals will be evaluated by a review committee and scored based on a rubric of 115 total possible points. Scores will be averaged for each application. Winners will be announced in September 2020 and winners will be invited to the MAITC Annual Meeting in October/Early November to receive their checks. Programs unable to attend the event will receive checks by mail in November 2020.

The following scoring rubric will be applied:

- 25 points – Practicality and scope of the project
- 25 points – Collaboration (for example -between teachers, community, organizations, etc.)
- 25 points – Budget and Schedule
- 25 points – Impact and assessment plans
- 15 points – Extra credit for Letters of Support

Reporting

A final report is due August 3, 2021 by mail or email to maitc@maine.gov

Must Include:

- Short written report up to 2 pages including outcomes, assessment results, and numbers of students, teachers and volunteers involved directly or impacted indirectly, and the duration.
- 2 – 6 photographs with releases for printed and online use – Form posted on the website at www.MaineAgintheClassroom.org
- A copy of materials developed (if applicable),
- Copies or records of any media coverage.

*Applicants that do not submit a final report for funding will not be eligible for future funding from this program.

Grant winners will all receive posters to be used during events, and bookmarks for students involved in the project. In an attempt to credit the real funders, Maine Ag Specialty License Plate owners, please be sure to use these and distribute them during the funding year as part of your agreement when you accept this grant funding.

For more information contact Willie Sawyer Grenier at maitc@maine.gov or 207.287.5522