



Classroom Resource Grant Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in applying for one of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization's Classroom Resource Grants. These \$500 grants will be awarded to pre-kindergarten through 12th grade general education teachers whose innovative classroom instruction uses agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, nutrition, science, and/or social studies. The online application will become available on the National Agriculture in the Classroom's website March 1. The deadline for grant proposals is April 15. Recipients will be notified by late April/early May.

Grant Requirements:

The NAITCO Classroom Resource Grant Program is designed to fund projects that will educate Pre-K-12 students about the importance of agriculture and allow teachers to use agricultural concepts to teach core subject areas. In order to be eligible to receive one of the NAITC Classroom Resource grants, applicants must:

- Use at least TWO lessons from the National Agricultural Literacy Curriculum Matrix on the National Agriculture in the Classroom website at www.agclassroom.org or from their state Agriculture in the Classroom program.
- Include an itemized budget, using the provided form, identifying resources from National Agriculture in the Classroom (www.agclassroomstore.com) or American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture (dmsfulfillment.com/FarmBureau) that will be used to supplement their classroom instruction and increase the ag literacy of their students.

Timeline:

- Grant proposals must be submitted online beginning March 1, 2024.
- The deadline for proposals is April 15, 2024.
- Applicants will be notified via email in late April or early May 2024.
- Final report due to National Agriculture in the Classroom by December 31, 2024.

Eligible Applicants:

Certified, general education teachers who are employed by a school district or a private school, who engage in classroom instruction at the pre-kindergarten through 12th grade level and who wish to use agricultural concepts to teach core subject areas and enhance students' understanding of agriculture.

Funding Guidelines:

- Grants, up to \$500, will be awarded until grant funds have been depleted.
- Grant money can be used for classroom materials and resources, including ag-accurate books, sourced through either www.agclassroomstore.com or dmsfulfillment.com/FarmBureau
- Grant money cannot be used for salary or compensation.
- Grant money cannot be used for clothing, promotional items, or giveaway items.
- Grant check will be made payable to the school, not to an individual.
- Grant checks not cashed within 60 days after receipt will become null and void.

Grant Requirements:

- Pre-K-12 students must be directly involved in project.
- Use of lessons from the National Agricultural Literacy Curriculum Matrix and/or state Agriculture in the Classroom programs must be described in the application and final report. Teachers will be asked to demonstrate the use of these lessons by completing a *Lesson Plan Reflection* that describes the number of instructional hours and students involved, the type of teaching strategies used, additional activities presented, and evidence that students understood the objectives of the lesson plan at the end of the project.
- A final report is due to National Agriculture in the Classroom no later than December 31, 2024. Please upload photos from the project into the final report form and signed copies of photo release forms for students appearing in the photos.