



Kids Growing Food Mini Grant

Connecting students to agriculture through growing food at school

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Program Goals:

The main goals of the Kids Growing Food Mini Grant are to increase appreciation and understanding of agriculture, nutrition, and the food systems by getting students involved in food gardening at school. Also, to create “garden classrooms” that provide authentic experiences and help educators meet New York State and Common Core Learning Standards.

Kids Growing Food participants agree to:

- Make links to agriculture, food systems, and proper nutrition
- Integrate the garden into the core curriculum
- Grow mostly food-producing plants
- Involved the school and community
- Publicize the garden
- Produce reports as requested for at least 3 years
- Actively participate in the KGF network
- Not use the funds to hire or provide a stipend to a garden coordinator

What’s Involved?

Annually, teachers are invited to submit garden mini-grant proposals. Schools receive a cash award to help them establish or maintain a food garden. Schools and teachers are provided education and gardening materials and become part of the Kids Growing Food and New York Agriculture in the Classroom networks. Even those schools which are not grant recipients are welcome to join these networks.

Now in its 16th year, Kids Growing Food has awarded over 500 garden grants in New York. It is estimated that Kids Growing Food teachers have involved over 80,000 students in hands-on food gardening educational experiences. Funding sources currently include New York Agriculture in the Classroom through the Department of Ag & Markets, private donations, and specialty agriculture license plate fees.

The program encourages applicants to submit proposals for all types of food-based school gardens; unique and non-traditional applications are encouraged to apply. Grant awardees are encouraged to use the funds to purchase materials, raised-bed building supplies, soil, seeds, etc. Grant funds cannot be used as a teacher or garden coordinator stipend, to pay for conference registrations, or travel costs. If you have further questions about the nature of your garden plan, do not hesitate to reach out to New York Agriculture in the Classroom.

Kids Growing Food II: If you’ve applied for and received a Kids Growing Food Mini Grant three year ago or before, you are eligible to apply for a continuation grant. Please use the specific application link below.

Apply at: <http://www.jotform.us/form/42994825589173>

Apply for Kids Growing Food II: <http://form.jotform.us/form/42994612834160>

Application deadline is Friday, December 12th, 2014.

Funds will be awarded after February 2015.