



2017 Ag. Education Incentive Grant

Frequently Asked Questions



1. What are the eligibility requirements for the Agriculture Education Incentive Grant for Growing Programs? The eligibility requirements for this program is as follows:

- a. Must have a unique School Identification Number according to the National Center for Education Statistics (to see if you meet this criteria, please click [HERE](#))
AND
- b. An active FFA chapter number recognized with both the state and national FFA organizations.

AND

- i. A school that offered agricultural education classes by a certified agricultural education teacher prior to September 1, 2015.

AND/OR

- ii. A school that had an active FFA chapter and charter during the 2014-2015 school year.

2. What are the eligibility requirements for the Agriculture Education Incentive Grant for New Programs? The eligibility requirements for the Agriculture Education Incentive Grant for New Programs is defined by the following criteria:

- a. Must have a unique School Identification Number according to the National Center for Education Statistics (to see if you meet this criteria, please click [HERE](#)).
- b. A school committed to implementing an agricultural education program that utilizes the three-circle model of agricultural education (Classroom Instruction; FFA; Supervised Agricultural Experience) over the course of the next three school years.

AND

- i. A new school that has started teaching at least one agricultural education course in their LEA between September 1, 2015 and October 1, 2017.

OR

- ii. A school representative has contacted the State Agricultural Education and Outreach office to notify the state staff (dhill@cornell.edu or slighthall@cornell.edu) of their intent to start an agricultural education program by October 1, 2017 and intend to offer at least one agriculture class in the 2018-2019 school year.

3. What are allowable and non-allowable expenses for funding under this grant?

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES include, but are not limited to, activities that support the improvement of instruction or program improvements in the Agricultural Education program such as:

- Curriculum development
- Classroom or laboratory equipment or software
- Professional development
- Support services
- Program coordination
- Mileage for travel associated with supervised agricultural experience visits

NON-ALLOWABLE BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Listed below are expenditures not approvable in the Agricultural Education Incentive Funding grant.

- Professional organization/union dues.
- Mileage, food, and lodging (except mileage for SAE visits).



- College tuition.
- Purchase of animals, feed, seed, fertilizer and field implements or repair costs for implements and machines for school laboratories (operation or maintenance costs).



- Heating and cooling costs for facilities or monthly telephone line charges (utilities).
- Instructional materials, services, tools, and/or equipment specifically for the instruction of courses not related to the agricultural education program sequence.
- Classroom furniture (i.e., desks, chairs, bookshelves and other ordinary [non-specialized] classroom costs)
- No more than 50% of the district allocation may be used for extending teacher contracts (salaries) or teacher stipends. Grant funds must not be used to supplant local funds already used for contract extensions.
- Gift cards or other similar types of cards that can maintain a credit balance which could be spent beyond the grant end date.
- No more than 10% of the district allocation may be used for consumable supplies.**

4. What is the award amount for this grant program?

Award amounts will vary based on the number of eligible applications received for the program. We anticipate awards ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 but will only know for certain once the application deadline closes.

5. When will I hear back about our application and if we received funding?

Application decisions will be made once the deadline for the grant has passed. All award decisions will be sent out in January 2018.