

2016-17 Food Science Education Grant

(Focusing on locally produced Dairy, Meat and Vegetables)

An Ag Literacy Team project of the



Guidelines and Application Form

The Food Science Education Grant) was developed by the Cook County Farm Bureau® Ag Literacy Team to promote the use of locally grown, high quality agricultural products.

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to offer up to ten \$300 grants for teachers to purchase dairy, meat and vegetable products for their classroom. These foods will then be used to educate students about the importance of a well-balanced diet, teach the farm to table process and promote locally grown foods/ingredients.

Eligibility: Grants are offered to Cook County Jr. High and High Schools that have a food science, culinary arts, life skills, nutrition or other closely related class.

Application Guidelines:

- Develop a dairy, meat, and/or vegetable lesson plan (that incorporates an agricultural concept) for a project that occurs between November 1, 2016 and May 15, 2017.
- Each school may only submit one application to the Cook County Farm Bureau annually, based on completion of eligibility requirements.
- Submit grant application and lesson plan to Diane Merrion, Ag Literacy Coordinator at the Cook County Farm Bureau® postmarked by **October 15, 2016**. Applications may also be e-mailed to aitc@cookcfb.org or faxed to 708-579-6056 by October 15, 2016.
- Recipients of the grants will be announced by October 31, 2016.
- **A Grant report will be due by June 1, 2017.** There is not a formal report form to complete. Acceptable reports will include **one to three pages**, typed, detailing the lesson plan used, activities conducted, project successes, number of students reached and expenditures (receipts for all purchases needs to be included with Summary Report). Along with the written report, at least one picture is required (see photo release below).
- Failure to submit final report will result of ineligibility for the following two years.

Selection Criteria: A committee composed of Ag Literacy team members and two Cook County Farm Bureau staff with a working knowledge of agriculture and/or education programs will evaluate the applications.

Important Grant Considerations:

- Grant applications need to follow grant proposal guidelines.
- The project creatively engages students in a way that encourages them to want to learn more about the food system.
- The project reflects a strong and balanced connection between modern agriculture and our food system.
- The project proposal reflects an organized plan for procedures and timelines for accomplishing the project goals.
- The project proposal indicates how the project is compatible learning standards.
- The proposal demonstrates need for grant funding.
- The grant recipients are encouraged to participate in our School Food Drive Challenge in February of 2017. Anything from 1 box to 1,000 lbs. of food will help our cause. Last year 13 schools collected over 9,000 lbs. of food and pop tabs during the School Food Drive benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland.

Assistance Available: For more ideas or clarification on a project, contact Diane Merrion, Ag Literacy Coordinator, 6438 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525; (708) 354-3276 or at aitc@cookcfb.org.

Return **Grant Application and lesson plan** to: Diane Merrion, Cook County Farm Bureau®, 6438 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525, aitc@cookcfb.org or fax 708-579-6056.

2016-2017 Food Science Education Grant Application

Today's date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

School Name _____

Contact Name _____
Last First M.I.

School Address _____
Street City Zip

{*Check will be mailed to school if awarded grant}

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Person completing form _____

Would your school/classrooms like to participate in a food drive in February benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and NW Indiana sponsored by the Cook County Farm Bureau? __yes __no

PROJECT INFORMATION

Estimated number of students reached _____ Grade level(s) _____

1. How will this project provide and demonstrate a link between food and agriculture?

2. What is your goal of this lesson plan and what standards does it align with? (Attach Lesson Plan and Standards)

3. List of promotion items to be purchased. (Please be as specific as possible.)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>

*keep receipts to submit with final report

Total Estimated Cost \$ _____

4. Will this be your only source of funding? If not, who else is assisting with funding?

*Any media information regarding this grant will go through the CCFB PR Department before release to the public. (See photo release form below)

Date _____

Signature _____

