



2019-20 Food Science Education Grant

(Focusing on locally produced Dairy, Meat or Specialty Crops)

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 6-12th grade classroom educators 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, 2019 and May 15, 2020.
- Submit grant application and lesson plan to Diane Merrion, Ag Literacy Coordinator at the Cook County Farm Bureau® postmarked by **October 11, 2019**. Applications may also be e-mailed to aite@cookcfb.org by October 11, 2019. Recipients will be notified by October 31, 2019.
- **A Grant report will be due by June 1, 2020.** 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 sub-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:

- 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.

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 aite@cookcfb.org.

2019-2020 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 _____

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.

PHOTO RELEASE

Program: _____

Date: _____

Location: _____

AUTHORIZATION & PHOTO RELEASE

I/We understand that by participation in this program, activity, seminar, workshop, tour, event, etc. the name, photograph/video or other image, quotes attributed to the participant(s) listed below, and other information pertaining to the participant may be used by the Cook County Farm Bureau® for publicity purposes. These publicity purposes may be in the form of brochures, websites, videos, social media, news releases or other forms of media. We hereby authorize the Cook County Farm Bureau® Foundation to use the name, publish the photograph or other likeness, and use quotes attributed to the participant and other information pertaining to the participant. We, for ourselves, our heirs, assigns, and legal representatives, expressly release and discharge the Cook County Farm Bureau, all of its affiliated organizations, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims, known or unknown, arising out of or in any way connected with the uses described above.

Teacher & Principal

_____	_____	Date _____
Signature	Print	

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Signature	Print	

