

# **COOK COUNTY FARM BUREAU® FOUNDATION**

## **AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM**

### **TEACHER MINI – GRANT SPRING 2020 PROGRAM**

The Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering grants up to \$400 each to Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to fund projects that promote agricultural literacy in the classroom. Grants can be used for classroom lessons on the topics of soil, plants, water, horticulture or environmental science. Applicants using Earth Day as a theme will be given special consideration due to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day.

#### **Grant Selection Criteria**

Ag Literacy Committee members will review all funding requests that are properly completed and postmarked by **February 4, 2020**.

- Quality and uniqueness of the lesson, activity or project and its relationship to agriculture
- Projects should focus on integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas.
- Connections between farming and Earth Day are encouraged
- Priority will be given to grants that contain materials for use over multiple school years
- Must align with IL Learning Standards
- Assessment method required in order to evaluate learning or success of project
- Completed applications should not exceed two pages.

#### **Application Information**

Complete the attached form and return postmarked by **February 4, 2020**. Applicants will be notified by February 14<sup>th</sup>. Questions can be directed to Ag Literacy Coordinator, Diane Merrion, [aitc@cookcfb.org](mailto:aitc@cookcfb.org) or 708-354-3276.

#### **Final Report**

A final report of the project, assessment of results and receipts for funds must be submitted to May 30, 2020. Maximum of 2 pages; minimum of two photos and or video showing outcome. Send to [aitc@cookcfb.org](mailto:aitc@cookcfb.org) with subject line "Mini-Grant 2020 Final Report".

CCFB Foundation Ag in the Classroom  
**MINI - GRANT SPRING 2020 APPLICATION**

Teacher's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of students involved: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: IL Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Funds Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Signatures**

Signature of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Goals and objectives of project**

**2. Description of proposed project and how it enhances student awareness of agriculture & Earth Day**

**3. Itemized Budget Summary**

**4. Project timetable**

**5. Methods to be used to assess student learning or success of project**

**6. Academic Standards met by this project, lesson or activity (Common Core, Next Gen. Science, etc.)**

**7. Other**

**Due date is February 4, 2020. Projects must be completed by May 29, 2020.**

**Email application to [aitc@cookcfb.org](mailto:aitc@cookcfb.org) or mail to:**

**Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation, Attn: AITC  
6438 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525**