



## 2017 GFB Foundation for Agriculture County Grant Guidelines Summer/Fall Cycle

**About:** The GFB Foundation for Agriculture is dedicated to enhancing agricultural literacy across Georgia. The Foundation Grant program is a funding opportunity for county Farm Bureaus to help raise consumer awareness, enhance leadership growth and participate in ag literacy projects. These grants are offered to county Farm Bureaus in amounts up to \$500 for the following programs: classroom education, consumer awareness, leadership development. The purpose of the grant program is to support projects that will expand agricultural literacy.

**Eligibility:** Grants are offered to county Farm Bureaus on a competitive basis with priority given to those programs demonstrating a need for financial support.

### Summer/Fall Grant Application Timeline:

- Applications will be due June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Recipients will be notified by July 30<sup>th</sup>
- Funding will be issued by August 15<sup>th</sup>

### Application Guidelines

- Grant applications must be completed online using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/countygrantapplication>.
- Selected projects must submit a follow-up report and at least two photos to the Foundation within 30 days of the event. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of eligibility for two calendar years.
- Each county Farm Bureau may receive one grant per calendar year.
- Funding is not available for mileage, field trips, landscaping projects, butterfly gardens, wages and benefits, safety programs or one-time consumable products such as copying, paper or meals.
- Grant payments can be made only to a county Farm Bureau. Payments cannot be made to individuals or to other organizations. Counties who are interested in supporting their local 4-H or FFA chapters should direct these groups to our new 4-H/FFA grant application: <https://tinyurl.com/4hffagrantapplication>.
- All applications must be for agricultural literacy, consumer education or leadership development programs. This program is not to address farm safety education.
- Project must be completed within twelve (12) months of receipt of funds.
- Any grant application not meeting guidelines will be eliminated from the judging process prior to examination by judges. The following areas will disqualify:
  - Applicant failing to follow directions
  - Applications submitted after the deadline
  - Consumables in budget
  - Applications not meeting basic qualifications
- Any questions regarding the application or selection process should be directed to Katie Gazda, Executive Director, at [kngazda@gfb.org](mailto:kngazda@gfb.org) or (478) 474-0679, ext. 5230.

Judges will score based upon the following:

<p>The project meets one or more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhances learner engagement in today's food, fiber and fuel system.</li> <li>• Enhances the leadership development of Farm Bureau volunteers.</li> <li>• Increases consumer awareness of food and fiber production and modern technologies in our food and fiber supply.</li> </ul>	30 points
<p>This project will creatively engage students, consumers or farmers in a manner that encourages them to learn more about agriculture and to become more involved in county Farm Bureau programs.</p>	20 points
<p>The project narrative is complete and includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan</li> <li>• Goals</li> <li>• Timeline</li> <li>• Budget</li> </ul>	20 points
<p>The project meets one or more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands on current ag literacy efforts (additional grades, audiences, new subjects, etc.).</li> <li>• Enhances a new idea for consumer education.</li> <li>• Expands leadership development projects currently in place.</li> </ul>	15 points
<p>The project indicates how the county will be positively affected and how agricultural literacy has increased because of the project.</p>	15 points