



McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation

2024-25 Matching Grant for Ag Ed Programs

Application deadline: May 1, 2025

Grant Guidelines

Description

McLean County Farm Bureau® Foundation offers special funding to support Agricultural Education programs at high schools that teach McLean County Youth. Eligible schools:

- Blue Ridge
- El Paso-Gridley
- Heyworth
- LeRoy
- Lexington
- Normal Community
- Normal West
- Olympia
- Prairie Central
- Ridgeview
- Tri-Valley

Service Project Matching Requirement

FFA Chapters must match grant requests with FFA student volunteer hours. Student volunteer hours will be matched at a rate of \$10 per hour (100 hours = \$1,000). **Maximum grant per chapter is \$1,000.**

1. Food & Farm Fun Zone during the McLean County Fair – FFA Chapters can earn \$250 (or more) for student volunteer hours at the Food & Farm Fun Zone
2. Other ag-related/community volunteering – FFA Chapters can earn up to \$750 for other service projects

Grant Program

- Grant funds must be used for ag education purposes (computers, equipment, shop equipment, programs, conferences, classroom needs, etc.)
- Up to \$1,000 will be available for each high school during the Matching Grant program year (August through April). Grant payments will be issued after December 1, 2023.
- Schools must submit the Grant Request online on or before **May 1, 2025** at www.mcfb.org/grants
- Funds may not be used for food, parties, awards or fundraising activities – greenhouse plant sales count as fundraising activities.

Grant Recipients

- Upon completion of the grant project, please send:
 - Thank you with any pictures or news clippings to:
 - McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation
2242 Westgate Drive
Bloomington, IL 61705
 - Thank yous and pictures may also be submitted electronically to anna@mcfb.org