

# 2011-12 Excellence in Teaching Grant

## What is the Excellence in Teaching Grant?

The Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture awards Excellence in Teaching Grants to exemplary teachers who integrate agriculture into their classroom lessons and curriculum. Agriculture is an important part of everyone's life. Clothing, food, fuel, housing, medicine and much more are rooted in agriculture. Agriculture has no subject matter boundaries and can be a part of social studies, language arts, science, math, environmental education, art, music or in a combination of areas that effectively integrate key agricultural principles.

## Who Is Eligible?

Kansas certified educators of Grades K-6 who are integrating agriculture into their classroom lessons.

## What is the grant?

Grants are awarded (up to **\$400**) for purchasing supplies related to agricultural lessons or projects including but not limited to: garden equipment, materials for hands-on activities, literature books and lab supplies.

## What Are The Criteria For Selection?

The project must be creative and interesting to students and help them become more knowledgeable about the food, fuel and/or fiber system in the agriculture industry.

Successful projects will:

- Highlight creative strategies for integrating information, activities and resources about agriculture into core subject areas including science, social studies, math, and language arts
- Correlate lessons and activities to Learning Standards
- Where possible, use local agriculture-related resources (K-State Extension, Farm Bureau, Agricultural Cooperatives, etc.)
- Demonstrate a need for the project within the school community.
- Incorporate one of Kansas Farm Bureau's *Kailey's Ag Adventure* Children's Book Series into the project if teaching grades K-3.

## How Do I Apply?

Complete the application form and include the information requested on a separate sheet in the order as listed in the instructions. A printable copy of the application can be downloaded at [www.kfb.org/foundationforagriculture](http://www.kfb.org/foundationforagriculture). Applications can be mailed or submitted via email.

## When Do I Apply?

**Before your project, so prior to or during the 2011-12 school year, applications may be submitted between June 1, 2011 and April 1, 2012.** Applicants will be notified of the status of their grant application within four weeks of the date their application was received. One-half of the grant award (up to \$200) will be provided to start the project. The balance of the grant request (up to \$200) will be paid upon receipt of expense receipts and a final project report, which are due by **May 1, 2012.**

## For additional information

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