



# McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation

## 2019-20 Matching Grant for Ag Ed Programs

**Application deadline: May 1, 2020**

### 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

#### Matching Requirement

FFA Chapters must match grant request in one of the following ways:

1. **Local contributions match** – dollar for dollar match for funds contributed to the school for the same purpose as this grant request. Students must be involved in the fundraising process.
2. **Ag service project match** – student volunteer hours matched at minimum wage rate (schools earn \$9.25 per hour per student). Volunteer hours must be at Ag related events.

#### Grant Program

- Grant funds must be used for ag education purposes (computers, 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, 2019.
- Schools must submit the Grant Request online on or before **May 1, 2020** at [www.mcfb.org/foundation/grants](http://www.mcfb.org/foundation/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](mailto:anna@mcfb.org)