



# FFA MATCHING GRANT

Earn money for your FFA chapter through volunteering

**Due May 1st**

## 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). **The maximum grant per chapter is \$1,000.** To be eligible for the full \$1,000:

1. Chapters must contribute at least 15 hours of volunteer hours at **the Food & Farm Fun Zone during the McLean County Fair** (equivalent to \$150).
2. Remain hours (up to 85 additional hours) may come from **other ag-related/community volunteering** (up to \$850).

Chapters that do not meet the full 15 hours at the Food & Farm Fun Zone will be eligible for a reduced grant amount based on the total verified volunteer hours from each category.

### 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, 2025.
- Schools must submit the Grant Request online on or before **May 1, 2026** at [www.mcfb.org/grants](http://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:
  - A thank you and/or pictures/news clippings:
    - McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation  
2242 Westgate Drive  
Bloomington, IL 61705
    - Share via email [anna@mcfb.org](mailto:anna@mcfb.org)