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, 2026.
- Schools must submit the Grant Request online on or before **May 1, 2027** 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:
  - A thank you and/or pictures/news clippings:
    - McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation
      2242 Westgate Drive
      Bloomington, IL 61705
    - Share via email jackie@mcfb.org