



FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
2011-2012 AG IN THE CLASSROOM MINI-GRANT PROGRAM



Does your school budget forbid you from starting a new project? Here's your chance! There is money available to you for integrating agriculture in your classroom.

All Pre-K – 12th grade educators are welcome to apply. Florida Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom (FFB-AITC) is pleased to offer a Mini-Grant program for educators during the 2011-2012 school year. This FFB-AITC grant is a public/private partnership serving Pre-K – 12th grade education with a goal of helping to increase the understanding of agriculture among students and educators. The program is administered through Florida Farm Bureau, Florida's oldest and largest general agricultural organization.

A total of up to \$9,500 may be awarded in Mini-Grants throughout the state by Florida Farm Bureau during the school year.

INTEGRATING AGRICULTURE HAS NO BOUNDARIES... The FFB-AITC Mini-Grant Program offers cash awards to help educators more effectively integrate agriculture into their curriculum. Agriculture has no subject area boundaries, and entries are encouraged in:

- Social Studies
- Math
- Language Arts
- Science
- Environmental Education
- Other subject areas or combination of areas that effectively integrate key agricultural principles (i.e. production, promotion, etc.)

UP TO \$250 AVAILABLE TO EDUCATORS... Certified Florida teachers engaged in classroom instruction at the Pre-K – 12th grade levels are eligible for the FFB-AITC Mini-Grant Program for the 2011-2012 school year. Individual home-school and Extension educators are not eligible to apply. Grants of up to \$250 will be awarded for budgeted expenses to provide an original and creative activity or program. You may not need that much... \$50, \$85, or \$100 may be enough.

Applications must be **postmarked by Saturday, October 1, 2011**. Grant winners will be notified by November 1, 2011 via mail. State objectives and goals clearly, and explain how the grant will help you achieve them. The project must be completed by the end of the 2011-12 school year. A final brief report is due upon completion of the project, but no later than July 1, 2012.

Innovation and an inter-disciplinary approach are important judging criteria. Extensive student involvement and subsequent effect on the students is very important to FFB-AITC. Field trips and assemblies must be linked to classroom learning objectives and applications should outline specific pre and post activities. Florida Farm Bureau-Agriculture in the Classroom reserves the right to deny applications based on quality, quantity, and intent.



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2011-2012 MINI-GRANT APPLICATION



*Please fill out this application in its entirety. All applications must be typewritten.
Applications that are not complete and/or typed will not be considered.*

*Applications must be postmarked no later than **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011.***

Applications can be mailed or emailed to:

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Title of Project: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail (required): _____

School: _____ Grade Level(s): _____

Subject(s) Taught: _____

School Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ County: _____

Local Newspaper: _____

Describe summary of proposal and learning objectives. Be specific in linking objectives to Mini-Grant.
Explain how you will distinguish the activity from regular, ongoing instruction. Use extra paper as necessary.

Budget (please include a detailed breakdown of expenses for supplies, transportation, etc.) Use extra paper as necessary.