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Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. 2021-2022 Teacher Grants Round 2

Statement of Intent:

Florida Agriculture in the Classroom's Teacher Grant program strives to fund classroom projects that teach Florida school children about the importance of agriculture and introduce them to agricultural producers and representatives in their areas.

Timeline:

- All proposals must be emailed on or before January 5, 2022.
- FAITC will announce grant recipients by email before the end of January 2022.
- The final report must be completed online or postmarked on or before May 27, 2022.

Eligible Applicants:

Certified Florida teachers engaged in classroom instruction at the pre-kindergarten through 12th grade levels who integrate agricultural concepts into their curriculum.

Grant Requirements:

- Agricultural concepts & student involvement are required.
- FAITC/AITC materials must be included or justification as to why they are not being incorporated.
 - a. Project must include a lesson or activity from Florida Agriculture in the Classroom's resources or National Agriculture in the Classroom.
 - b. To access Florida Agriculture in the Classroom's resources, visit <https://faitc.org/teaching-resources/>.
 - c. To access National Agriculture in the Classroom's Curriculum Matrix visit <https://agclassroom.org/matrix/>.
 - d. If your project does not have FAITC/AITC curriculum, please explain the education piece in your application.
- Photo/Video Documentation that shows the location of the project must be included. A drawing on an image or a 5 minute or less video is recommended for clarification.
- At least one Florida farmer or agriculture industry representative must be involved. We need their name, their company, and their occupation.
- A letter of support from a school administrator on school letter head with signature must be included in the application.
- Teachers must complete pre and post evaluations and include the results in the final report. These will vary depending on grade level. There are sample tests with most of our lessons in our three school garden curriculums.

- Community involvement in the project is encouraged (this is over and above the local farmer or ag industry representative stated above).

Funding Guidelines: A sample budget is in Appendix C.

- Transportation and fieldtrips are not allowable expenses for requested funds.
- Grant funding cannot go towards salaries or similar compensation.
- Amount requested can be no larger than \$5,000.
- Grant projects awarded \$1,000 or more may re-apply up to three times consecutively.
- Grant money cannot be used for consumables unless the food items are an integral part of the lesson plan and the end product.
- Grant checks not cashed within 60 days after receipt will become null and void.
- A final report must be submitted by the deadline or future grant requests automatically will be denied.
- Grant checks will be made payable to the school, not to an individual.

Grant Rubric: 100 points possible. A detailed rubric is in Appendix B.

Points	Criteria
25	Project Description and Purpose: Up to 25 points will be given based on the ability to effectively convey your project's why and how.
20	Measurable Outcomes: Up to 20 points will be given based on realistic, attainable, and challenging goals related to the project's purpose. Goals can be qualitative and quantitative. If the goal is qualitative please give numbers. For example, there will be a 20% increase in gain of knowledge or 95% of the students will eat produce grown in the garden.
20	Timeline: Up to 20 points will be given based on the detail given in the timeline. Timeline shows FAITC that you have thought out the entire project from start to finish.
20	Budget: Up to 20 points will be given based on the detail given in the budget.
10	Creativity and innovation in the project's ability to address Florida agriculture: Up to 5 points awarded.
5	Education standards addressed: Up to 5 points awarded.

Management and Reporting

- Florida Agriculture in the Classroom grant final reports must include related materials in a printable format, at least 5 photos showing project, photo release form for all students whose faces are in pictures and copies of all receipts that equal awarded amount.
- The final report should include the number of students the project actually reached and the FAITC/AITC lessons taught and the results of the pre- and post-evaluations.
- The final report is due by May 27, 2022.

- Failure to comply with these reporting requirements will result in the automatic removal of the teacher from consideration for future grant requests.

Format for Proposals: A word document application form is in Appendix A.

- Application must be typed on 8.5”x11” paper with 12-point font type.
- Your budget, timeline, photos and letter of support needs to be included in your grant application.
- The letter of support from a school administrator is mandatory to be considered for the grant.
- Submit entire proposal via email as one PDF file.
- The file name should be: FAITC_2021_TG_YourSchoolName.pdf

Proposal Submission

The deadline for submitting grant proposals to the Florida Agriculture in the Classroom office is January 5, 2022.

Completed proposals should be emailed to Becky Sponholtz at sponholtz@agtag.org

Questions: Contact Becky Sponholtz by calling (352) 846-1391, emailing sponholtz@agtag.org or visiting <https://faitc.org/teacher-grants/>.