



# KENTUCKY

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# FFA FOUNDATION

In the National FFA Organization, the rising sun is a symbol of progress and token of a new era in agriculture. The Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees firmly supports the opportunity for all students to enroll and engage in agricultural education classes across the Commonwealth. The Rising Sun Initiative is available to support the expansion of agricultural education and support those educators who dedicate their lives to teaching and advising.

The Rising Sun Initiative would provide a one-time grant up to \$1,000 to a middle school that opens an agricultural education program.

## **Rising Sun Initiative**

### **2023**

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Certified Ag Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In order for a school to be eligible to receive this grant, the following conditions must be met:

1. The school must employ a full-time teacher that carries certification for Agricultural Education. Individuals holding only an emergency certification do not meet the requirement of this condition.
2. The program must have in place a curriculum that is approved by the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education. This includes career pathways relevant to the school and community, a sequence of courses that meet the guidelines of the Ag-Ed Program of Studies, and access to resources to deliver the curriculum effectively.
3. The school must have adequate facilities to offer the curriculum intended.
4. The program must:
  - a. Submit an application to charter an FFA chapter to the Kentucky FFA Executive Secretary by November 1st.
  - b. Submit a dues roster and order FFA jackets for members by February 1st.
  - c. Attend and participate in Regional FFA Day (or another regional contest).
  - d. Though not a requirement, we strongly encourage chapters to attend a week at the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center.

When the state staff confirms that there is serious interest and intent, a member of state staff will communicate the availability of the RSI grant to the teacher and school/district officials and will provide them with the grant application. When the application has been completed and submitted, it will be reviewed and successful programs will have funds sent to the district after July 1.

As part of the application, the school district must agree, in writing, to the following conditions of the grant:

1. The use of the funds is under the sole discretion of the agricultural education teacher.
2. In the event that the program is discontinued before the end of the second year of operation, the entire amount of the grant, regardless of funds spent, must be returned to the Kentucky FFA Foundation.
3. The grant may be spent on items related to the following:
  - a. Curriculum for the career pathway(s) offered
  - b. Supplies to properly operate the specific facilities of the agricultural education program
  - c. Items to operate the FFA chapter
  - d. The grant may also be used as a source of matching funds for other grants

4. In addition, and in relation to the items above, the grant may NOT to be used for the following expenses:
  - a. Salary and/or benefits for any certified or classified personal, including payment for a substitute teacher
  - b. Furniture and/or technology for the classroom that is provided in a standard classroom (desks, tables, computers, LCD projectors, etc.)
  - c. Any expenses that are routinely provided by the school or district to other students or programs
  - d. Events or materials that are strictly recreational in nature
  - e. Any expenses that are in violation of accepted school accounting practices
5. By receiving this grant, the agricultural education program cannot have funds withheld that are provided to other programs (Per Pupil Allocation, Carl D Perkins funds, etc.)
6. As provided by school accounting procedures, the RSI grant will be placed into a district account where it will receive a specific code for tracking purposes and will follow the same process of similar funds for expenditure.
7. By the end of the first year the grant is awarded, the teacher of agriculture must supply to the Kentucky FFA Foundation a report showing how the funds were spent and how the program is utilizing the three circle model (Classroom/Laboratory Instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experience, and FFA). In the event not all funds have been spent by the end of the year, the teacher will indicate how remaining funds will be spent.
8. The Kentucky FFA Foundation reserves the right to request, in writing, a listing of expenditures related to the grant.

District Superintendent:

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School Principal:

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Agricultural Education Teacher:

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Applications should be emailed by September 1, 2023  
To: [ashley.weaver@kyffa.org](mailto:ashley.weaver@kyffa.org)



Budget for the Rising Sun Initiative Grant It is suggested that you budget for a chapter set of FFA jackets and travel to the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center if you believe this grant is one of your only sources of funding.

| <b>List each item and describe how it will be used to enhance the agricultural education program at your school.</b> | <b>Cost</b>    |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$1,000</b> |