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Youth Pathways to Careers in Agriculture (RFP)

Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation invites proposals from organizations and innovative partnerships interested in delivering programming in the state of Ohio. The Foundation intends to award up to \$100,000 in the second quarter of 2021.

Overview

It is projected that 40% of jobs in agriculture could go unfulfilled within the next five years without efforts to attract young leaders to our industry. In the next 10 years, 470,000 new workers are needed for agribusiness occupations of which 90,000 will be needed in direct farming occupations.

An increased focus on careers in agriculture will have a direct impact on the strength of the farm and food community, the security and availability of food for the future, and the well-being of Ohio.

The Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation seeks to support efforts that introduce students to or train them for high-demand careers in food, agricultural and environmental sciences.

We are particularly interested in programs that create career pathways that allow students to explore, with mentors, learning opportunities that present a wide variety of careers in related fields.

Objective

The objective of this RFP opportunity is to improve and initiate career pathways in food, agriculture and environmental sciences by utilizing partnerships between community organizations, education and industry that will successfully prepare students for postsecondary training or direct placement in related industries.

Who is eligible?

Grants are typically made only to nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code, or who have a fiscal sponsor with this status. Under certain circumstances, applications from organizations that do not meet this criteria, but are providing a charitable program, may be considered. In all cases, the applicant must operate statewide at multiple sites or have innovative initiatives that can be delivered in several Ohio counties.

- Anticipated project duration: 12 months
 - Total amount for this opportunity: Up to \$100,000
- Estimated number of awards: To be determined

The total number of projects to be funded under this opportunity depends on the quality and budgets of successful applications.



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Apply for funding

Before you begin, applications require:

- IRS Letter of Determination
- Most Recent 990
- Organization Budget
- Program Budget

Grant Cycle & Timeline

Sign up for Pre-submission Pitch Session: Sept. 1, 2021 – Sept. 24, 2021

Proposal Pitch Session: Sept. 29, 2021

Final Proposal Submission: Sept. 30, 2021 – Oct. 18, 2021

Anticipated Award Date: Nov. 30, 2021

3-Step Process

STEP 1: Sign up for your pre-submission pitch session

All applicants must participate in a pre-submission pitch session. This is an opportunity to present your idea before the Youth Pathways Advisory Committee to gain valuable feedback and refine your proposal for final submission. Each applicant must present their idea using the sample slide deck provided by the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation.

All slide deck presentations must be submitted to lhoughton@ofbf.org by Friday, Sept. 24, 2021.

To sign up for your pre-submission pitch session, please follow the instructions below:

1. Visit <https://ofbf.org/foundation/youth-pathways-career-agriculture/> and click on "Pre-submission Pitch Session" to sign up. All pre-submission pitch sessions will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 1 p.m.– 5 p.m. A representative from the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation will contact you within five (5) business days of your sign up to provide you a specific time for your pitch.
2. Download the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation's Youth Pathways sample slide deck to prepare for your pre-submission pitch. All slide decks must be completed and emailed to lhoughton@ofbf.org by Friday, Sept. 24, 2021.



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STEP 2: Participate in the pre-submission pitch session

All applicants must participate in the pre-submission pitch session to be eligible to submit an RFP for a Youth Pathways Grant. Pitch sessions will be held Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Each pre-submission pitch will allow for a 10-minute presentation and 5 minutes of feedback from the Youth Pathways Advisory Committee.

STEP 3: Submit final Youth Pathways Grant RFP

Once an applicant has completed their pre-submission pitch, they are encouraged to use the feedback given by the Youth Pathways Advisory Committee to refine and solidify their proposal for final submission.

On Sept. 30, 2021, the final RFP application will be released. Please visit <https://ofbf.org/foundation/youth-pathways-career-agriculture/> and click on "Final RFP Application" to submit your final proposal. Youth Pathways Grant(s) will be awarded no later than Nov. 30, 2021.