



## Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District

### **2019-2020 Fall Ag in the Classroom Education Grants** **Sponsored by The Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District**

The Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is now offering grants for the 2019-2020 school year to increase awareness, knowledge and appreciation of agriculture in the youth of Geauga County. The \$1,000 grant will be awarded to kindergarten through 12th grade core education teachers whose innovative classroom projects use agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, nutrition, science and/or social studies as well as to encourage a partnership between the Geauga SWCD and local schools in providing agricultural education.

#### **Grant Information**

Grant application information will be sent to all Geauga County Schools. The Geauga SWCD has \$1,000 allocated for the **Ag in the Classroom Education** project. The Geauga SWCD will review proposals as they are received. The final deadline is **November 7, 2019**. Approved projects will be notified shortly thereafter. Once awarded, projects must begin within the 2019-2020 school year, and all critical activities must be completed within one year of their commencement. Projects must have proof of school board and principal approval.

Please email application to [knainiger@geaugaswcd.com](mailto:knainiger@geaugaswcd.com) or mail or submit application in person to Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District, P. O. Box 410, 14269 Claridon-Troy Rd., Burton, OH 44021. Visit [geaugaswcd.com](http://geaugaswcd.com) or call 440-834-1122 if you have any questions about the scholarship. For grant application visit Geauga SWCD website at [www.geaugaswcd.com](http://www.geaugaswcd.com).

#### **Grant Criteria**

##### **Grant Requirements:**

- **Involve a plan to incorporate agricultural education**
- **Include a match of time, money, property, and/or donations from other sources**
- **Include letters of collaborative efforts between teachers, principals, and/or other groups**
- **Include a long-range plan for the Agriculture in the Classroom Education program**
- **A commitment to send detailed yearly updates including photos of the project and usage for five consecutive years following the commencement.**
- **Submit copies of all receipts of items purchased.**

##### **Grant Recommendations:**

- **Involve a diverse representation and support of individuals through an advisory committee**
- **Involve the Geauga SWCD as part of the advisory committee in project formation and implementation of Agriculture in the Classroom Education program**
- **Include a direct establishment of an agricultural education program**
- **Involve more than one grade level and have an interdisciplinary approach**

- **Include a curriculum guide of projects, activities, and/or programs that the Ag in the Classroom grant monies will enhance.**
- **Grant money for Agriculture in the Classroom Education can be used to purchase the following items:**
  - Seeds (fruits and vegetables)
  - Soil
  - Plants (fruits and vegetables)
  - Fertilizer
  - Raised bed materials
  - Greenhouse materials
  - Hydroponics/Aquaponics materials
  - Irrigation/watering system materials
- **Grant money can be used for animal science projects involving embryology, aquaculture or related projects, field trips or farm tours.**
- **Grant money cannot be used for salary or compensation.**
- **Grant money cannot be used for clothing, promotional items or giveaway items.**
- **Grant check will be made payable to the school, not to an individual.**
- **Grant checks not cashed within 60 days after receipt will become null and void.**
- **A site visit to review the project will take place April 2020.**
- **A completion report will be filed with the Geauga SWCD within 90 days after completion of project.**

### **Grant Priority**

Since Geauga SWCD's mission is *"To conserve, protect, and enhance the soil and water resources of Geauga County by providing leadership, education, and assistance to all."* those proposals that focus on the mission statement will be given priority.

### **Project Evaluation**

The Geauga SWCD would like to see projects that:

- Set an example for other schools to follow
- Result in an increased appreciation, awareness, and understanding of agricultural education and history in Geauga County.
- Have the ability to be incorporated into an interdisciplinary curriculum
- Enhance existing curriculum in a variety of ways
- Display long-term potential through proper planning, maintenance, and cooperative participation by advisory committee
- Show coordination and cooperation with affected community and other agencies
- Please feel free to attach additional sheets in order to allow for more space.
- All projects must show proof of school board and principal approval
- A presentation of completion of project to the Geauga SWCD Board

**Geauga Soil and Water  
Conservation District**