

# 2018 Guidelines: YOUTH AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVES PROGRAM



*The Youth Agricultural Incentives Program guidelines were developed to facilitate a growing need for a specialized program that would benefit youth actively engaged in agriculture. The focus of the program is on youth developing agricultural projects, as well as strengthening partnerships with school ag programs, Cooperative Extension, and 4-H/FFA organizations.*

*Questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627 or govkyagpolicy@ky.gov. Applications to administer this program must be directed through the local County Agricultural Development Council.*

## **A. Funding & Limitations**

1. Eligible up to \$1,500 maximum per program year
2. Eligible cost-share is based on a 50/50 basis
3. Cost-share funds must be paid to the applicant
4. Projects as part of a larger school project or organization are not eligible; all investments are for individual youth.
5. Proof of payment is required for all reimbursements and shall include the following:
  - a. Itemized invoice with buyer and seller detail
  - b. Cancelled check or credit card statement
6. NO CASH PURCHASES are eligible for reimbursement
7. Applicants are limited to participation in one of the following programs in a program year: County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP), Next Generation Beginning Farmer Program (NextGen), Youth Agricultural Incentives Program.

## **B. Student Eligibility**

1. Applicant shall be enrolled in elementary, middle or high school; this includes home schooled students.
2. Applicant shall be **at least 9 years of age by January 1, 2018.**
  - Age is based on 4-H program entry age
  - Program is not available for the Clover Bud age group of 4-7 years
3. Applicant shall provide their individual Social Security Number (SSN).
4. Applicant shall have parental consent if under the age of 18  
***See Parental Consent Section of Youth Application***

5. Mentorship is required from one of the following types of organizations

***See Mentorship Form***

- a. 4-H Leader or Extension Agent
- b. FFA Leader or School Ag Teacher
- c. Other Agricultural Organization

**Mentors shall be willing to provide consultation or assistance for the length of the program and shall not be from the applicant's immediate family.**

6. Applicant shall complete one of the following:

- a. Make a presentation to mentor and peers related to the approved project
- a. Organize one (1) event in partnership with 4-H, FFA or other agricultural organization relative to the following:
  - i. Community service event
  - ii. Workshop or field day

7. Applicant shall complete at least one educational component from one of the following:

- a. 4-H club education – *specific to investment area*
- b. FFA program education – *specific to investment area*
- c. Leadership or Community Service
- d. Marketing or Promotion

***Education must be approved by the applicant's designated mentor.***

**C. Eligible Investments**

See pages 3 & 4 of this document for eligible cost-share items through this program.

## INVESTMENT AREAS

### EXCLUSIONS

- Consumables are not eligible - (i.e. feed, hay, medicine, etc.)
- Trailers, wagons and carts are not eligible
- Reimbursement for purchases, including labor, from the student's immediate family (e.g. father/mother, brother/sister, grandparents, aunt/uncle, etc.) are not eligible.

### A. Agricultural Diversification

1. Horticulture
  - Seedlings
  - Media for plant production
  - Containers for starting or growing plants
  - Other materials and supplies for plant production
2. Hydroponics & Aquaponics
  - Materials and supplies
3. Wildlife management
  - Materials necessary to establish native grasses, feed plots, etc.
4. Turf Development & Management
  - Materials or equipment (not self-propelled) to develop a landscaping business (i.e. seeders, finishing mowers, turf tires, net layers, tillers, rollers, sprayers, aerators, etc.)

### B. Farm Infrastructure

1. Greenhouse
  - Building components to construct or renovate an existing structure
  - Contracted site preparation/Labor
2. Livestock Barns
  - Building components to construct or renovate an existing structure into appropriate facilities for either livestock, poultry or equine
  - Contracted site preparation/Labor

### C. Fencing & On-farm Water

1. Livestock Fencing
  - Fencing materials (i.e. posts, wire, etc.)
  - Contracted site preparation/Labor
2. On-farm Water
  - Waterers – permanent or portable
  - Irrigation equipment

### D. Forage & Grain Improvement

- Seeding based on 2018 CAIP Approved Seed List  
*soil test required within the last 12 months*

### E. Large Animal

1. Beef & Dairy
  - Showmanship equipment & supplies
  - Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals – **no** bull purchases
  - Handling supplies & equipment

2. Equine
  - Showmanship equipment & supplies
  - Tack & show attire
  - Handling supplies & equipment

**F. Small Animal**

1. Bees
  - Purchase of bees from an inspected source
  - Handling supplies & equipment
2. Goat & Sheep
  - Showmanship equipment & supplies
  - Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals
  - Handling supplies & equipment
3. Rabbit
  - Showmanship equipment & supplies
  - Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals
  - Handling supplies & equipment
4. Swine
  - Showmanship equipment & supplies
  - Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals
  - Handling supplies & equipment

**G. Poultry & Other Fowl**

- Showmanship equipment & supplies
- Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals
- Handling supplies & equipment

**H. Technology - Computer Software**

- QuickBooks or other accounting software
- Farm or livestock management software

**I. Value-added & Marketing** – Only items that add value on the farm to food and fiber

- Marketing, packaging and processing supplies

**J. Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE)**

- Materials necessary for a SAE school project

**K. Country Ham Projects**

- Ham purchase
- Project supplies
- Cost of participation in a 4-H Country Ham Project

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