



Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation's Announcement for 2014 Urban Youth Garden Grants

Easy Application

as part of
AG Returns to the City Program
and the Edible Classroom

Free Resources

Objective of Project:

The goal of the Edible Classroom Youth Gardening Project is to increase the awareness of and appreciation for agriculture in the lives of urban students through hands-on gardening and classroom activities that meet MSDE's State Curriculum. By implementing MAEF's mission, this project offers students direct experience with growing, harvesting and preparing fresh foods while learning plant requirements, growing conditions, nutrition and wellness.

Eligibility:

Elementary and Secondary Teachers and Youth Educators working in Urban Areas

Grant Information:

Two types of grants are available. The first grant is for NEW GARDENS and is awarded up to \$500. The second grant is for EXISTING GARDENS and is awarded up to \$250. **Deadline for grant application is March 10, 2014.** Send application materials to MAEF, P.O. Box 536, Havre de Grace, MD 21078. Funding awards will be announced by **March 24, 2014.** Call the MAEF Office with questions or comments (410) 939-9030. Ask for George.

Requirements:



Complete and submit *simple "painless" application* and attachments



Integrate the garden into the core curriculum



Make connection of garden to Maryland farms, the food system, and nutrition



Establish and involve garden team with school and community

Grow at least 50% edible plants (i.e. vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers)



Submit a *brief final project report with approved photos (Sept. 28, 2014)*



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Contact Information

Applicant Name: _____
 Applicant Title: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 School Name: _____
 School Mailing Address: _____
 School Phone Number: _____
 School County: _____
 Additional Involved Staff: _____

Garden Information

Application type ~ Circle one: NEW garden EXISTING garden

Garden type ~ Circle one: OUTDOOR INDOOR BOTH (outdoor & indoor)

Targeted grade levels: _____
 Total number of students who will be ACTIVELY involved in the garden: _____
 Total number of students who will be EXPOSED to the garden: _____

What are the educational goals of your garden?

How will you involve students in the garden? Similarly, how will you involve other teachers and community members in the garden?

Describe your garden in terms of size, location on school grounds, types of plants and accessibility to water and sunlight. Be specific. **Check with the school system's Office of Planning for other possible uses for the site you selected.** (You may attach a site map, garden design sketch or photo):

How will the garden be integrated into the classroom curriculum and the Maryland State Department of Education's State Curriculum? (You may attach lesson plans)

How will the garden make **connections** to Maryland farms, the food system, and proper nutrition?

How will the garden be **maintained** during the summer? Can you set up a service-learning component?

What will you do with the harvested vegetables? Be specific.

How will the garden project be publicized? **Be specific.**

What other types of funding will help pay for the garden? **Be specific.**
