

# Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation's Announcement for 2019 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 understanding and appreciation of agriculture in the lives of urban students. Youth gardens help meet this goal through hands-on gardening and classroom activities that meet MSDE's State Curriculum. Youth garden projects offer students direct experience with growing, harvesting, and preparing fresh foods while learning plant requirements, growing conditions, stewardship, 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 8, 2019.** Send application materials to MAEF, P.O. Box 536, Havre de Grace, MD 21078. Funding awards will be announced by **April 19, 2019.** Call the MAEF Office with questions or comments (410) 939-9030. Ask for George.

## Requirements:



Complete and submit the *simple 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)



Complete a *brief final project report with approved photos (Sept. 27, 2019)*





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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?

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

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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):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<u>Material Description</u> (for example: pepper plants)	<u>Quantity</u> (20 plants)	<u>Source of Material</u> (Meyer's Seed Co)	<u>Unit Cost</u> (\$1 each)	<u>Total Cost</u> (\$20)

Total amount requested for garden grant: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures**  
Please read the following statements and sign/date where appropriate.

**Applicant:**  
This application has been completed to the best of my knowledge. I have permission from school officials to use school property for a school garden. **I will use 100% of this MAEF grant toward the youth garden project. If I find the project cannot be completed in a timely manner, I will return unused funds to MAEF.**

I understand that a final report is due to MAEF office no later than September 27, 2019 with photos from the project and signed copies of photo release included. Failure to complete final report forfeits all future garden grant awards.  By checking this box, I understand that pictures sent to MAEF may be used for promotional items.  
**I have read and understand the Grant Requirements.**

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Applicant's Signature and Date

**School Principal or Superintendent:**  
I support this garden project. Permission from school officials to use school property for a school garden has been granted. I will promote the incorporation of the garden into the school curriculum as well as involve other teachers, students, and community members with the project. **If I find the project cannot be completed in a timely manner, I will return unused funds to MAEF.**

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Principal/Superintendent's Signature and Date

*Return completed application and attachments by March 8th to  
MD Ag Ed Foundation, PO Box 536, Havre de Grace, MD 21078*