



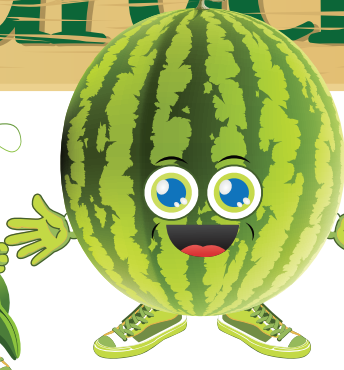
The
Tennessee
Gardeneers



"Shucks"



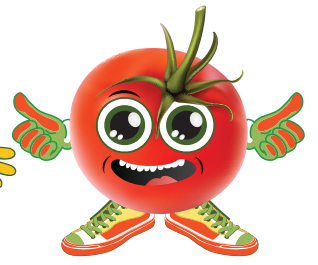
"Peat"



"Melonie"



"Bell"



"Tommie"

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
GARDEN
MINI-GRANT
PROGRAM

I. Project Rationale

The Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program is designed to show that agriculture is an integral part of our everyday environment. Farms, wildlife, forestry, people and cities are all interrelated with agriculture. As most of Tennessee's wildlife resides on and feeds off of private property, including farms and timber lands, the gardens can demonstrate the connection between agriculture, food, fiber, conservation, wildlife, and the urban environment.

II. Criteria for Schools, 4-H Clubs, and FFA Chapters

- A minimum of 100 students for average daily attendance.
- Garden must be located on or adjacent to the school site.
- **A video conference with AITC staff to discuss using gardening in the curriculum is available.**
- Project must be advised by an Agriculture Extension Agent.
- A farmer volunteer, preferably a county Farm Bureau board member, must also serve as a project advisor.
- Teacher and parent involvement is mandatory.
- Applicants must have either attended a University Workshop or agree to attend and/or send another teacher. Workshop participants will receive AITC resource materials and training on how to use the interdisciplinary material in conjunction with regular classroom learning activities.
- Most importantly, the gardens must contain production agriculture crops, such as corn, wheat, oats, etc... and/or garden vegetables. Chicken coops, bee hives and livestock projects are also acceptable.
- This funding may not be used for flower, butterfly, or nature trails. However, they may be included in your project at someone else's expense.
- Outdoor Classroom Garden projects may include production livestock. Grants may be awarded for developing pasture or hay ground.

III. General Information about the Mini-Grant

Foundation committee members will evaluate each application for proper criteria and study objectives before grants are awarded. Notification of acceptance or rejection of application will be delivered in writing. Money will be awarded by the county Farm Bureau leadership. Recognition, therefore, may be given on both the state and local level. There is no application deadline. Applications will be accepted as long as grant funding is available. Up to \$500 may be awarded for new garden sites. This must include matching funds. Up to \$250 may be awarded for on-going garden projects. This also must include matching funds.

IV. Matching Funds

The following resources may be able to provide matching funds for the Outdoor Classroom Garden:

- Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Local school funds
- County Farm Bureau
- Local Farmers Cooperative
- Agricultural business and organizations
- Parent - Teacher organizations
- Lumber yards, hardware stores, etc...
- In-kind support, i.e. equipment, labor, materials, etc...

V. Questions

Any questions regarding the Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program should be directed to one of the following contacts at the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation -- (931) 388-7872:

- **Chris Fleming** cfleming@tfbf.com
Tennessee AITC Coordinator, ext. 2759
- **Dan Strasser** dstrasser@tfbf.com
Director of Special Programs, ext. 2215
- **Kristy Chastine** kchastine@tfbf.com
Associate Director of Special Programs, ext. 2214

Mail completed form to AITC, PO Box 313, Columbia, TN 38402 or Fax to (931) 840-8699

- List the name(s) of teacher(s) in your school who have attended an Agriculture in the Classroom University Workshop sponsored by the Tennessee Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom within the last three years:

• Name: _____ Grade: _____ Year attended workshop: _____

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- List the name(s) of teacher(s) in your school who plan to attend an Agriculture in the Classroom University Workshop sponsored by the Tennessee Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom in June (Please note: Teachers will be trained in the following grade group categories: PreK-2, 3-5, 6-12).

• Name: _____ Grade: _____ Email: _____

• Name: _____ Grade: _____ Email: _____

• Name: _____ Grade: _____ Email: _____

- Requested date(s) for video conference if desired: Apple FaceTime or Go To Meeting • _____

- Would your school like to host a local AITC workshop?: • _____

- Possible date(s) for a local AITC workshop: • _____ • _____

- Value of matching sponsorship (please include specifics on in-kind gifts such as volunteer time etc): \$ _____

- Amount of grant money you are applying for \$ _____ (Please note: This amount can not exceed the amount listed in the question above. The maximum amount for a start-up grant is \$500. The maximum amount for an on-going grant project is \$250)

Required

On an attached sheet(s) of paper, please describe and/or outline your project plans. Please include time table, food production crops, specific need for funding, role of the cooperators, curriculum correlation, and visuals (i.e. drawings, illustrations, maps, photographs, etc...)

- Project reports and pictures are due to the Tennessee Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom by May 1.

School Principal Signature

Coordinating Teacher Signature

**APPLICATION
for
TENNESSEE FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM MINI-GRANT**

• Name of school/club: _____ Average daily attendance: _____

• County: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

• State: _____ Zip: _____

• Name(s) of coordinating teacher(s): • _____ • _____

 • _____ • _____

• Phone number where you can be reached to discuss plans: (School phone): _____ Best time to call: _____

(Home phone for _____): _____ Best time to call: _____

Email: _____

• Agricultural Extension Advisor: Name: _____ Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

• Farmer Volunteer Advisor: Name: _____ Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

• List other cooperating groups: • _____ • _____

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 • _____ • _____

For Office Use
Date Received: _____
Date Approved: _____



Tennessee Agriculture in the Classroom
 PO Box 313
 Columbia, TN 38402
 931-388-7872

Return via email to: tbfaccounting@tbf.com
 or by Fax to: 931-381-3540

Vendor Information (please print)		Date
Vendor Name (as shown on your income tax return)		
DBA: Business name, if different from above		
Mailing Address		
Mailing Address City, State and Zip code		Phone
Physical Address (if different from above)		Fax
Physical Address City, State and Zip code		
Principal Contact		Principal Email
Describe nature of services performed		
Please Note: ACH payment information is optional but encouraged for prompt secure payment.		

AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS (ACH CREDITS) (If applicable)

I, _____, hereby authorize **Tennessee Agriculture in the Classroom**, to initiate credit entries and if necessary, initiate debit correction or adjustment entries to my account at the financial institution below.

BANK NAME

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EMAIL FOR PAYMENT NOTIFICATION

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until **Tennessee Agriculture in the Classroom** has received received written notification from me of its termination in such a time and manner as to afford **Tennessee Agriculture in the Classroom** and Depository Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.
 THIS FORM WILL BE RETAINED BY **TENNESSEE AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM** AS A MATTER OF RECORD. **PLEASE RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

Signed _____ Date _____

Please Attach
1. Voided Check or Financial Institution Letter Verifying Account Information