

## Student - Organic Ag Research - Grant Application

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**Purpose:** To support student agricultural activities that focus on an operation plan or practice, which follows the guidelines of a USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) for certified organic operations.

**Eligibility:** Any Junior High, High School, or Under Graduate who (i) participates in a school, community, or club program (ex. FFA, 4H, Club, Degree, etc.), (ii) has an interest in raising livestock, or producing an agricultural commodity, under an organic plan or practice, and (iii) knows of, or is willing to be introduced to, a current organic operator (mentor) in your area.

**Application Process:** Interested students must submit a grant application and project proposal to [MTOAEC@hotmail.com](mailto:MTOAEC@hotmail.com). Applications are welcomed at any time. Grants will be awarded based on the goals and objectives of an operation plan, and available funds. Upon application approval, disbursements will be made to applicants within 30 days of notification.

**Amount of Grant:** The amount of the grant will be based on an applicant's budget proposal, up to a maximum of \$500. Applicants whose operational budget exceed this value may request for additional funds, but are encouraged to show other sources of funding, where an in-kind match, for example, could be made.

**Follow-up Requirements:** Recipients will be required to submit a project/operation summary describing: Project practices, strategies, and outcomes; Production, harvest, or processing practices, strategies, and yields; or any Marketing practices, strategies, and results of an agricultural commodity/product, at the end of a project or production season.

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FFA/4H/School/Club Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organic Mentor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mentor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't know of an organic mentor, are you willing to be introduced to one: Yes  No

Project Name or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a **Written Project Proposal** containing the following: (Other proposal formats may be submitted)

**Project Goals and Objectives** – What are the objectives of this project

**Plan of Action** – When, where, and how, will the project take place

**Additional** – Additional Information or anything else vital OAEC should consider

**Budget:** Please provide a budget indicating expenses, materials needed, and total cost.

Students Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_