



MAAF Foundation Agricultural Education Grant: To begin in 2026

Who Can Apply: Any Licensed Maine Agricultural Fairs that has not been awarded these funds in the previous 3 years. Only one application per fair annually will be reviewed.

Application Deadlines: Announced and opened at MAAF Annual Meeting in January. Applications must be completed and submitted by March 15th. Applications will be reviewed by committee and approved by April 15th. Monies will be available/awarded to awardees by May 1st or reimbursed by end of year.

Award Details: Awards available up to \$2500 awards

Eligibility: Funded projects must grow agricultural knowledge of fair patrons during the time frame of the fair. Monies can be used for purchase of materials or services but cannot fund the administrative costs of the project.

Reporting: Awardees must report back at the following year's MAAF Annual Meeting on their project completion, success and challenges. Include photos, videos and/or examples of your project.

Scoring:

- Practicality & Scope (20 points) – Tell us what your project is. Include details about how you see it connecting with fair goers, about where this idea came from, how long your fair has been attempting to get this project to fruition and what other means (if any) you've used unsuccessfully or if this is a new endeavor this year - provide what stage of the project are you in, where else have you looked for money
- Sustainability (10 points) - Tell us how this project will be utilized and cared for in years to come
- Team (10 Points) – Tell us who is working on your project within your fair and their roles
- Collaboration (20 points) – Tell us who is helping with your project outside of your fair (organizations, funding sources, service providers)
- Budget (10 points) – Break down the estimated costs for us and show how grant funds will be used vs other funds.
- Schedule & Timeline (10 points) – Awarded funds must be used for projects this fair season so tell us how you will accomplish the project to be ready for your fair dates.
- Impacts (20 Points) – Tell us what success looks like for this project at your fair.



Agricultural Education Grant Application

Name of Fair: _____

TIN: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Application/Project Manager: _____

Fair Official Approving this Application: _____

If additional space is needed to provide detailed information, please attach a separate sheet of paper. Please ensure your fair name is on each additional sheet.

Describe your Agricultural Education Project to be funded:

**Is this project part of a larger existing or future plan of Agricultural Education at your Fair?
Tell us how:**

What other avenues have you explored to fund or complete this project?

Who is working on this project? List people from your fair, applicable titles and other organizations or companies you have consulted to complete or ensure accuracy of your project.

Provide a preliminary budget for this project. Include matching or supporting funds, in kind contributions, and quotes for services or materials.

What is the timeline of completion for your project?

Include any photos, mock ups, blueprints, or other visual aids of your project. Please ensure your fair name is on each additional item.

Please Email to: Info@MAAFfound.com
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