

White-Reinhardt Fund For Education 2005 Teacher Scholarship

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Guidelines and Application Form

The White-Reinhardt Fund for Education is a special project of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture in cooperation with the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee. It was established to honor two former chairs of the Women's Committee, Berta White and Linda Reinhardt, who were leaders in the national effort to improve agricultural literacy. The teacher scholarship is one of two components of the fund.

Purpose: The purpose of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference Teacher Scholarship Program is to provide travel expense funds to teachers to attend the national conference for the purpose of using the information gained from the conference to expand their outreach to students regarding the food and fiber system.

Eligibility: Classroom teachers in grades K-12 who have demonstrated involvement in agricultural literacy programs are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Application Guidelines:

- Scholarship applications must be completed and submitted to the state Farm Bureau president, administrator or Agriculture in the Classroom program coordinator for signature and a statement of support.
- Applications must be submitted to the state Farm Bureau office by January 31, 2005.
- Applications, including state Farm Bureau statement of support and signature must be postmarked by February 15, 2005.
- Notifications to recipients of the scholarships will be postmarked by April 1, 2005. All applicants will receive notification of the results by April 29, 2005.
- Recipients will receive reimbursement of expenses for the conference not covered by any other funding source and not to exceed \$1,000. Expense items include hotel, meals not included in the conference package, transportation expenses (mileage or air fare, whichever is less), parking, and registration fees.
- In order to be reimbursed, the recipient must submit an expense form with receipts, a one to two page report to include what the teacher learned, how he/she plans to use the information in the classroom, how he/she intends to share the information with other teachers, and a projection of how many students would be reached with the information in the next school year.
- A maximum of five scholarships will be awarded in 2005.

Selection Criteria:

A committee composed of Farm Bureau leaders and other individuals with a working knowledge of agriculture and/or education programs will evaluate the applications.

Each evaluator will be asked to score the applications according to the following criteria:

1. The applicant has demonstrated through past programs an ability to create innovative programs to teach students about the food and fiber system. (30 points)
2. The applicant explains how the information gained will be used following the conference. (40 points)
 - a. Using information in the classroom (20 points maximum)
 - b. Sharing the information with other teachers (20 points maximum)
3. The applicant communicates a valid reason for why he/she wants to attend the conference. (20 points)
4. The state Farm Bureau supports the applicant as indicated by the statement of support and signature. (10 points)

Timeline:

- Applicants submit application to the state Farm Bureau office by January 31, 2005.
- State Farm Bureau submits, signed and approved applications to the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. The application must be postmarked by February 15, 2005.
- Winners will be notified by mail and postmarked no later than April 1, 2005.
- Expense reports and written conference reports are due to the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture within **45 days** of the conclusion of the conference.
- Reimbursement will be sent to the recipient within **14 days** of receipt of expenses and report.

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2005 Teacher Scholarship Application Form*

Please Print or Type

Name: _____

Address: _____

State Farm Bureau Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-mail: _____

School Name: _____

Grade(s) and/or subjects you currently teach: _____

Briefly describe your past involvement in Agriculture in the Classroom AITC programs, including your school activities as well as any AITC conferences you have attended _____

Please explain why you want to attend the 2005 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference:

How do you plan to use the information gained from the conference in your classroom(s)?

How do you plan to share the information gained from the conference with other teachers?

If selected for this scholarship, I understand that I will be reimbursed for up to \$1,000 in expenses upon submission of receipts for approved expense items and a one to two page report of the conference.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Statement from State Farm Bureau President, Administrator, or Coordinator of Agriculture in the Classroom regarding the applicant's prior involvement in Agriculture in the Classroom and listing any other funding available for the applicant to attend the national conference:

Signature of State Farm Bureau President, Administrator or Staff

Date

Submit signed applications to: American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture,
1501 East Woodfield Road, Suite 300W, Schaumburg, IL 60173-5422

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*A maximum of one additional page may be added to this application.