

# 2021 Guidelines: YOUTH AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVES PROGRAM



*The following guidelines are for the implementation of the **Youth Agricultural Incentives Program** to encourage youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.*

*Direct questions concerning these guidelines to the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627 or govkyagpolicy@ky.gov. Applications to administer this program must be directed through the local County Agricultural Development Council.*

## STANDARD GUIDELINES

### A. Funding & Limitations

1. Eligible up to \$1,500 maximum per program year on a pro-rated basis
2. Eligible cost-share is on a 50/50 basis
3. Cost-share funds must be paid to the applicant
4. Projects as part of a larger school project or organization are not eligible; all investments are for individual youth.
5. Proof of payment is required for all reimbursements and shall include the following:
  - a. Itemized invoice with buyer and seller detail
  - b. Cancelled check or credit card statement
6. NO CASH PURCHASES are eligible for reimbursement
7. Applicants are limited to participation in one of the following programs in a program year: County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP), Next Generation Beginning Farmer Program (NextGen), Youth Agricultural Incentives Program.

### B. Student Eligibility

1. Applicant shall be enrolled in elementary, middle or high school; this includes home schooled students.
2. Applicant shall be **at least 9 years of age by January 1, 2021**.
  - Age is based on 4-H program entry age
  - Program is not available for the Clover Bud age group of 4-8 years
  - County residency is not a requirement
3. Applicant shall provide their individual Social Security Number (SSN).
4. Applicant shall have parental consent if under the age of 18  
***See Parental Consent Section of Youth Application***
5. Mentorship is required from one of the following types of organizations
  - a. 4-H Leader or Extension Agent
  - b. FFA Leader or School Ag Teacher
  - c. Other Agricultural Organization

Mentors shall be willing to provide consultation or assistance for the length of the program and shall not be from the applicant's immediate family. *See Mentor Section of Youth Application*

6. Applicant shall complete one of the following:

- a. Make a presentation to mentor and peers related to the approved project
- a. Organize one (1) event in partnership with 4-H, FFA or other agricultural organization relative to the following:
  - i. Community service event
  - ii. Workshop or field day

7. Applicant shall complete at least one educational component from one of the following:

- a. 4-H club education – *specific to investment area*
- b. FFA program education – *specific to investment area*
- c. Leadership or Community Service
- d. Marketing or Promotion

*Education must be approved by the applicant's designated mentor.*

#### C. Eligible Investments

See pages 3 & 4 of this document for eligible cost-share items through this program.

#### D. Administrating Entity Responsibilities

1. The program administrator shall ensure that commingling of KADF funds with other funds does not occur. The KADF program funds shall reside in a unique and separate bank account from any other funds.
2. Promotion/advertising for the program is a minimum of three weeks from the execution date of the Legal Agreement.
3. The minimum application period for the program is 15 business days.

## INVESTMENT AREAS

### EXCLUSIONS

- Consumables are not eligible - (i.e. feed, hay, medicine, etc.)
- Trailers, wagons and carts are not eligible
- Reimbursement for purchases, including labor, from the student's immediate family (e.g. father/mother, brother/sister, grandparents, aunt/uncle, including step family) are not eligible.

#### A. Agricultural Diversification

##### 1. Greenhouse

- Building components to construct or renovate an existing structure
- Contracted site preparation/Labor

##### 2. Horticulture

- Seedlings
- Media for plant production
- Containers for starting or growing plants
- Other materials and supplies for plant production

3. Hydroponics & Aquaponics
  - Materials and supplies
4. Technology - Computer Software
  - QuickBooks or other accounting software
  - Farm or livestock management software
5. Value-added & Marketing – Only items that add value on the farm to food and fiber
  - Marketing, packaging and processing supplies
6. Wildlife management
  - Materials necessary to establish native grasses, feed plots, etc.

**B. Animal Production\***

1. Beef, dairy
  - Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals – no bull purchases
  - Handling supplies & equipment
2. Goat, equine, sheep, rabbit, swine, poultry
  - Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals
  - Handling supplies & equipment
3. Bees
  - Purchase of bees from an inspected source
  - Handling supplies & equipment
4. Livestock Barns
  - Building components to construct or renovate an existing structure into appropriate facilities for either livestock, poultry or equine
  - Contracted site preparation/labor

*\* Participants purchasing any type of livestock must provide a copy of health papers when requesting reimbursement.*

**C. Forage & Grain Improvement**

- Seeding based on 2019 CAIP Approved Seed List  
*soil test required within the last 12 months*

**D. Showmanship (Beef, dairy, equine, goat, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit)**

1. Showmanship equipment & supplies, including a generator
2. Handling supplies & equipment
3. Tack, show attire

**E. Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE)**

- Materials necessary for a SAE school project
- Materials necessary for environmental project

**F. Country Ham Projects**

- Ham purchase
- Project supplies
- Cost of participation in a 4-H Country Ham Project