



Greetings Potential Grant Applicants:

The Maryland Agriculture Council, Inc. is again offering an opportunity to agencies and organizations to submit grant applications for the purpose of promoting Maryland agriculture.

Enclosed is a copy of the Maryland Agriculture Council Educational Grant Program Guidelines and a Grant Application. If you are interested, please complete the attached application and email with supporting material to cfs@umd.edu by **September 30, 2026**. Please note "MAC Grant Application" in the subject line of the email.

Applications received will be reviewed and winners selected by the Grant Committee and honorees must be approved by the Council Board. Notification emails will be sent in December and the grant awards will be distributed at the 57th Taste of Maryland Agriculture on February 4, 2027.

The mission of the Maryland Agriculture Council, Inc. is to promote Maryland Agriculture and to educate the public on its importance. The Council is committed to ensuring and promoting a viable agriculture industry in Maryland under the leadership of a board of directors representing the broad scope of agriculture.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-596-2159 or cfs@umd.edu.

Sincerely,

Chuck Schuster
Grants Chairperson

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURE COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL GRANT
PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

1. The amount awarded per grant will depend on the quality of the proposals submitted. Most grants are for \$1,000 or less.
2. Grants will be awarded based on the application submitted.
 - A. Applications should include:
 1. A description of the project
 2. A schedule of the project or timeline of events
 3. A projected budget
 - a. What is the total cost?
 - b. How will funds be used?
 - c. How will the total project be funded?
 - d. What role will the Maryland Ag Council play in funding?
 - B. Applications should explain:
 1. What is the benefit of the project?
 2. What problems/issues will the project address, i.e., what is the need for this project?
 3. How do you plan to evaluate its success and effectiveness?
 - C. Applications should specify:
 1. The sponsoring/coordinating organization
 2. Names of the project leaders and/or coordinators
 3. If other grant requests have been submitted to other organizations and, if so, have any awards been received?
3. While dollar amounts are requested, the Grants Committee will decide how much will be awarded for any single grant.
4. **Grants will be awarded for projects that promote agriculture and educate the general public on its importance in their lives. They are not for personal businesses, brick and mortar or salaries.**
5. Emphasis will be placed on novel, **grassroots**, quality promotional and/or educational projects.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

GRANT APPLICATION

Grant Application Guidelines:

- The grant is for the promotion of agriculture.
- Grant funds will not be awarded for year-after-year operating costs.
- Grant funds will not be awarded for salary.
- Grant funds may not be used for indirect costs.
- A progress report of the project, including use of the grant funds, will be due one year from date grant funds are received.

Name of Business or Organization

Date

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ (required)

Please check: Profit _____ Non-Profit _____ organization

Social Security or Employer Identification Number (EIN) #: _____

Dollar amount of grant requested \$ _____

Specific purpose for which the grant is to be used:

Is this request for all funds needed for this project? Yes _____ No _____ Explain:

Awarded grant check should be made to: _____

*Email completed application and supporting material NO LATER THAN
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, to Grant Chairperson Chuck Schuster at cfs@umd.edu.
For more information, call 410-596-2159. **Please note “MAC Grant Application”
in the subject line.***