

Farm Credit of the Virginias

2024 Agricultural Career Enhancement (ACE) Grant Application

For Postsecondary Education Institutions

Grants will be awarded for up to \$10,000 in funding per institution. To be considered for funding, the organization's values and purpose must align with the objectives of Farm Credit of the Virginias (FCV). Applications will be accepted August 1-September 16, 2024. Please answer all questions as completely as possible. Complete applications and supporting documents can be emailed to CCF@FCVirginias.com or turned into an [FCV branch office](#).

**Denotes required field*

Institution Information

Name of Institution:*

Name of Program under Consideration for Grant Funding:*

Organization Website URL (if any):

Mailing Address:*

Physical Address (if different from mailing address):

Is your institution located in FCV's [territory](#)? If not, do you serve students from counties located in FCV's [territory](#)?*

- Yes, we are located in FCV's territory
- No, but we serve students from counties located within FCV's territory
- No, and we do not serve students from counties located within FCV's territory
(If you select the third option, you are not eligible for this grant opportunity)

Institution Type (check all that apply):*

- Four-year University or College
- Community College
- Adult and Continuing Education Center
- Other (please specify) _____

Contact Information

Name of Contact Person:*

Contact Phone Number:*

Contact Email Address:*

Name of Secondary Contact Person:*

Secondary Contact Information:*

Program Overview & Funding Details

Educational Need Area of Focus: Please select one or more of the categories below that best fit your program:

- Animal, Dairy, Poultry Science
- General Agriculture
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Technology and/or Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Natural Resources or Conservation
- Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics
- Other (explain) _____

Please Describe Your Current Agricultural Career Enhancement Program: *

Total Funding Request from Farm Credit of the Virginias:*

How do you intend to use any funds awarded to this program through the FCV ACE grant program?*

Please Specify Any Additional Funding Sources and Amounts for This Program:*

Estimated Number of Students This Program Will Impact:*

How will this program impact the agricultural community within the FCV territory?*

Short-term Program Goals:*

Long-term Program Goals:*

Anticipated Program Timeline/Duration (including start and end dates):*

How will program success be measured?*

If you receive partial funding, rather than the full amount you request through this grant program, how will that impact your program?*

Has this institution or program been supported by FCV in the last three years? If so, explain. (Past support does not guarantee or inhibit grant funding through this program.)*

How did you learn about FCV's ACE grant program?*

Supporting Documents

Please attach W-9 Form.

Please attach any additional program support documents, including specific program budget, background information, etc. (support documents are not required but will be considered with your completed application).*

By my signature below, I certify that I have fully read and understand all portions of this application and certify the information supplied by me is complete, accurate and verifiable. I understand that any misstatement of material facts will result in denial or forfeiture of an award. I agree to provide any supplementary information or verification requested by FCV as a condition of consideration of this application.

Signature

Title

Date

Terms & Conditions

Program Requirements & Guidelines

- Applying organizations and the program under consideration must be located within the Farm Credit of the Virginias footprint or benefit students from within the Farm Credit of the Virginias' territory (including cities/towns located within the counties served by FCV).
- Requests must be consistent with the values and missions of Farm Credit of the Virginias.
- Farm Credit of the Virginias will not provide critiques of proposals submitted.
- Funds will not be awarded to individuals, private farms, cooperative extension or agricultural research programs.
- Farm Credit of the Virginias may choose to fully or partially fund requests. Previous funding does not guarantee continuing support to any organization. Funding is discretionary and restricted to the specific purpose for which it was awarded.
- If awarded, funds must be expended by December 31, 2025.

Restrictions

- Programs and institutions that do not support agriculture or agricultural education.
- Contributions for political support purposes, student scholarships or memberships in professional societies or trade organizations.
- Elementary, middle or high school agricultural programs.
- Individual or personal endeavors or projects, or individual farm operations.
- Participation or entrance fees for charitable events or financing of charitable organizations.
- Religious or sectarian programs or groups that benefit the specific organization.
- Political campaigns, candidates, lobbying groups or causes. Sports teams or athletic events and competition, including equipment or uniforms related to sports.
- School activities that are not related to agriculture (bands, choirs, fine arts programs, etc.).
- Private foundations promoting personal hobbies.
- Organizations or programs that are inconsistent with or do not align with non-discrimination, ethics or other FCV policies, values or mission.
- Organizations that in any way pose a conflict with Farm Credit of the Virginias' goals, programs, services or Farm Credit of the Virginias employees or Directors.

Other Considerations

- This program is open to all postsecondary education programs (including four-year institutions), though priority will be given to associate degree programs and agricultural certification programs.
- This grant will prioritize applications for agricultural science and agricultural production programs.
- Institutions will have the opportunity to submit applications for multiple programs – all eligible program applications will be considered, but FCV's priority will be to support organizations across our territory.

Visit our website to access additional program details and learn more about the Farm Credit of the Virginias ACE Grant: FarmCreditofVirginias.com/ACE.