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NOW ACCEPTING II 4-H Food Advocacy Grant Winter Applications



Hello 4-H Colleagues,

On behalf of the Food Advocacy Team, I'm happy to announce that we are opening our second round of funding for the IL 4-H Food Advocacy Grant.

Our first round of applications was a great success, with 11 youth-led projects tackling the challenge of food security where they live. We're looking forward to building on this success and engaging another cohort of 4-H leaders dedicated to creating food secure communities throughout Illinois.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has only worsened food insecurity issues in Illinois and around the U.S., we know that the youth we work with are ready to rise to the occasion. Please see the details below and invite leaders in your area to work with you on an application.

Details:

The Food Advocacy Grant is a project of the Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team. It is financial support in the form of \$500 or \$1,000 grants to invest in the next generation of food access leaders. Funds are made available with the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, The Brandt Foundation, and Compeer Financial.

Applications are being accepted from Nov. 22, 2021 - Jan. 7, 2022. They can be submitted at this link:

- [Grant Applications](#)

Projects that demonstrate a central role for youth leaders will be given preference where possible. Applicants will be asked to talk about their project, their goals, and share with us a rough outline of their budget spreadsheet so we can have a sense of how they plan to utilize the funds.

After applicants are selected, they will receive coaching and guidance from the Food Advocacy Team throughout the process and until the final report. Grantees will also be invited to present at our 2022 Food Action Summit.

Webinar:

You can view our most recent webinar conducted on the Food Advocacy Grants at the link below. This video will contain some additional information on the grant process as well as past recipients of the grants.

- [Webinar Link](#)

Resources:

Here are some resources to get you thinking around the topic as you consider who in your area might be a good fit. The Food Advocacy Team has put together an infographic that lays out some ideas for service projects.

- [You can find it here: Food Advocacy Ideas](#)

The keynote speaker from our 2021 Food Action Summit was Dr. Bobby Smith II, a professor in the African-American Studies Department at the U of I. He recorded an interview with one of our Food Advocacy Team leaders recently speaking on the topic of Food Justice.

- [Watch it here: Food Justice w/Dr. Bobby Smith II](#)

Another of our presenters who spoke at the Food Action Summit was Dr. Craig Gundersen, an ACES Distinguished Professor and food insecurity researcher at the U of I. He spoke with Carissa recently about food insecurity in Illinois.

- [See his interview here: Alleviating Food Insecurity w/Dr. Craig Gundersen](#)

Carissa has put together a marketing toolkit with some social media graphics, etc.

- [Access it at this link: Food Advocacy Grants Toolkit](#)