

New Jersey Agricultural Society
Learning Through Gardening
Grant Application

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Name of School

Address of School

School Phone Number

Contact Person and Position

Email

Phone

How many classes are at each grade level?

Do you have a garden space? If so, please describe the area you intend to use and how it has been used in the past.

Please describe your goals for the garden space. How do you see each grade level being involved? Please feel free to attach additional pages.

Please include a proposed budget.



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The *Learning Through Gardening* program is a K – 5 program which increases student understanding of many science, social studies, mathematics and literature concepts using the garden for hands-on approaches and problem solving techniques. A recent study indicated that students using these approaches perform better on standardized measures of academic achievement in reading, writing, math, science and social studies; that discipline and classroom management improves; that students increase their engagement and enthusiasm for learning; and have greater pride and ownership in their accomplishments. These are the goals that the *Learning Through Gardening* program seeks to support and achieve.

We invite you to fill out the form on the reverse side and return it to the New Jersey Agricultural Society, PO Box 331, Trenton, NJ 08625. Application deadline is April 15. If you have any questions please call us at (609) 802-3938.

As a recipient of a *Learning Through Gardening* Grant, your school will receive:

- \$2,000 grant
- September kick-off pep rally
- Guidance from experts in the agricultural industry
- Lesson plans to coordinate your outdoor garden experience with your everyday curriculum
- *Cultivating the Curriculum* workshop conducted for the staff at your school
- Opportunity to participate in the statewide poster and essay contests
- Sponsor an end of the year celebration
- 10 additional professional development credits for staff that serve on garden committee

As a recipient, your school will be required to:

- Provide adequate garden and workspace for children
- Appoint a committee of at least 3 teachers representing various grade levels
- Submit a garden plan outlining involvement of each grade level throughout the entire year
- Have each teacher teach at least one lesson per month pertaining to gardening or agriculture
- Have classroom staff attend *Cultivate the Curriculum* workshop at your school
- Have committee members attend a Best Practices Workshop in June to meet and share experiences with other schools' committees

Garden Ideas:

- Pizza garden
- New Jersey soup garden
- Gardens to match studies, for example Colonial garden for 5th grade, Native American garden for 4th grade, etc.
- Three sisters garden
- ABC garden