



NATIONAL FFA
LIVING TO SERVE

Fall And Spring Semester-Long Living to Serve Grants

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The National FFA Organization is pleased to announce the availability of grant funds for FFA chapters to impact their community with a semester-long service-learning project. Semester-long funding will support diverse service-learning projects within the focus areas of community safety; environmental responsibility; hunger, health and nutrition; and community engagement. Eligible service-learning projects must last the length of a school semester.

Goal of Grant:

The goal of the grant is to support FFA chapters across the country in conducting meaningful, semester-long service-learning projects that make a difference in their community. Service-learning is a method of teaching and learning that challenges students to investigate, plan, and implement solutions to identified needs in their school or community. For more information on service-learning versus community service please visit www.ffa.org/livingtoserve/types-of-service.

Who can Apply:

Any active middle or high school FFA chapter is eligible to apply if they are not a current recipient of a Yearlong Living to Serve Grant. Active chapters are those in good standing at the state and national level in regards to membership dues and reporting. Eligible chapters may apply for one semester-long grant per semester (fall and spring).

Application Timeline:

Semester	Application Open	Application Due	Award Notification	Grant Cycle
1 st (Fall) Semester	August 1, 2017	September 1, 2017	September 15, 2017	September 15, 2017 - January 15, 2018
2 nd (Spring) Semester	January 1, 2018	February 1, 2018	February 15, 2018	February 15, 2018 - June 15, 2018 OR August 30, 2018

The 2nd semester grant cycle runs from February 15, 2018 to August 30, 2018. If projects do not continue during the summer months, chapters may opt out of the summer portion of the grant cycle, ending their grant cycle on June 15, 2018.

Reporting Expectations

Chapters are expected to complete a Close-Out Report. Fall semester Close-Out Reports are due no later than January 15, 2018. Spring semester Close-Out Reports are due no later than June 29, 2018 for chapters not continuing projects in the summer months, and August 30, 2018 for chapters with active projects through summer months.

Funding Guidelines:

Chapters may apply for up to \$1,200 per semester to support a service-learning project. If applying for funding for two semesters, separate applications must be submitted for each semester.

Allowable Expenses*	Non-Allowable Expenses*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substitute teacher pay Transportation to and from service sites Copying and marketing costs Educational outreach materials Portable storage Vegetation Other expendable materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any one item over the cost of \$800 Stipends or scholarships to students or the chapter Indirect Costs (cost of administering the grant funds) Acquisition or construction of buildings or facilities Travel to or from national convention or other state or national FFA trainings Giveaways- Ex. T-shirts, food, small manipulatives, etc.

*Not an exhaustive list