



### **Agriculture Education & Promotion Development Grant**

The purpose of this grant is to aid county Farm Bureaus or Farm Bureau members and educators who do not have adequate funds for a new program or activity, or to assist them in attending an event that enhances the promotion of agriculture and education. Program examples could include, but are not limited to, books for classrooms, incubator systems, supplies for school gardens, etc. Event examples may include the National Ag in the Classroom Conference, AFBF Women's Communication Boot Camp, summer educational programs, specialized educational conferences, etc. There will be two grants awarded during this cycle with the value of \$250 each.

Grant applications are due Oct. 15, 2024.

Click here to fill out the application: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/90132-Indiana-Farm-Bureau>

### **Adopt a Classroom**

The Adopt a Classroom program was created in 2021 when many schools weren't allowing visitors into schools due to the pandemic. During this time, AITC volunteers signed up to be paired with classroom teachers, and virtual activities were facilitated.

The Adopt a Classroom program has now become an opportunity for a teacher to request a volunteer to provide agricultural education to students in any way that the volunteer and teacher see fit. The educational activities could be virtual, in person or a combination of both.

AITC volunteers interested in connecting with a classroom may sign up here:

<https://www.infarmbureau.org/INFBAGEd/aitc-adopt-a-classroom-volunteer-form>

Teachers interested in AITC volunteers providing agricultural education to their students may sign up here: <https://www.infarmbureau.org/INFBAGEd/aitc-adopt-a-classroom-teacher-form>

### **Purple Plow Challenge: Save the Soil**

The newest Purple Plow Challenge, "Save the Soil," is now open. Over 3 billion tons of fertile topsoil is lost each year, and your student teams will be challenged to design a prototype and construct a system that will reduce topsoil erosion.

Entries must be submitted by Dec. 1; winning teams get awesome prizes.

More information: <https://www.purpleplow.org/challenges/save-the-soil>

### **2024 Indiana Food Day**

The Indiana Department of Education promotes Indiana Food Day to celebrate local food and healthy eating. This is held in October to coincide with National Farm to School Month. This year Indiana Food Day will be highlighting pumpkins.

When registering to participate, you will receive a link via email to download the toolkit that includes activities, resources, recipes, coloring pages and other materials for you to create a day or a month of curriculum centered around pumpkins. All of these resources are free.

For more information: <https://www.ingrown4schools.com/news/indiana-food-day-2024>

### **2024 Virtual Summer Workshop**

This year, Indiana Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom hosted its first virtual summer workshop. Many lessons, books and activity ideas were shared and demonstrated. If you missed this and would like to view the recording, the access information is below.

[https://infb.zoom.us/rec/share/13iNTYWV0iCDT\\_4ljgz40GBeoRuZ7UzNudvuuuck33tQwcnlesNm1aKYgXndXTlq.ARrB8I3N10RFizOo](https://infb.zoom.us/rec/share/13iNTYWV0iCDT_4ljgz40GBeoRuZ7UzNudvuuuck33tQwcnlesNm1aKYgXndXTlq.ARrB8I3N10RFizOo)

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