

CLASSROOM GRANTS

Dr. Joe B. Crane

2014 Classroom Grant Program for GA Teachers



Dear Georgia Teachers:

I am writing today to tell you about a special opportunity you have to receive a \$500 educational grant from the Georgia Agribusiness Council. The 2014 Dr. Joe B. Crane Classroom Grant Program will award four Georgia teachers this money to teach agriculture in the classroom.

"Dr. Joe" joined the Georgia Agribusiness Council Board of Directors in 1986. On this board, he served on the education committee for many years and always championed the Council's educational efforts. Education was always very important to Dr. Joe. He served thirty-one years on the Valdosta City Board of Education.

The Dr. Joe B. Crane Classroom Grant program was initiated by him and later named in his honor. He passed away in October 2006.

The Georgia Agribusiness Council is pleased to offer four Georgia teachers \$500 to help fund special classroom projects through this program. We want to provide you the resources needed to bring agriculture to your students in an interesting and thoughtful way.

Agribusiness is Georgia's largest industry, providing a \$76 billion economic impact in 2013. The Georgia Agribusiness Council is made up of agribusinesses across the state and we work through our membership to ensure that this industry continues to grow in the years ahead.

This is an excellent opportunity for four Georgia teachers to take advantage of and I hope you will consider applying this year. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Pisciotta

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Purpose: To provide grant assistance to four Georgia teachers in order to fund special classroom projects aimed at teaching agriculture.

Funds: Proceeds are derived from the GAC Foundation from donations by agricultural businesses.

Award: Up to four grants of \$500; non-renewable. Grant recipients to be awarded money in December 2014.

Judging: The selection of the scholarship winner is made by the Education Committee of the Georgia Agribusiness Council and is based on the criteria listed below.

Deadline: Applications are due postmarked by October 10, 2014. Winners will be announced on October 24, 2014.

Criteria: Applicant must be a Georgia teacher, public or private. You do not have to be an agriculture teacher to apply. Any Georgia teacher is eligible to receive funding.

Requirements: Please mail, e-mail or fax page 2 of this application along with separate page answers for the six questions on page 3 to our office.

Dr. Joe B. Crane Classroom Grant Application

Ideas for Proposals

- Environmental stewardship of farming practices (safe use of fertilizers & chemicals)
- Food & Fiber production and processing (how crops make it from the farm to the table)
- Environmental Impacts on plant/livestock production (Impacts of drought, flooding, disease, etc.)
- How to manage the business of farming (planting, harvesting, marketing, selling, etc.)
- How agriculture is growing the renewable fuels of the future (ethanol and biodiesel sources)
- How laws and regulations have changed agriculture (water use, fertilizer, chemicals, safety, etc.)

Past Winning Projects

- Fourth grade students planted gardens in empty school courtyard and learned about fertilizer and chemical use, marketing a product and plant & soil science.
- High school agriculture students introduced an agricultural awareness day to the rest of the student body.
- Kindergarteners participated in "Farm Fridays," using different letters of the alphabet to learn about different types of agriculture.
- Third grade students planted a square foot garden and monitored plant growth and progress, soil levels and water use.

Teacher Name: _____

Project Title: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Grade:** _____

Signatures Required:

Signature: _____

Print: _____
Teacher *Principal*

Dr. Joe B. Crane Classroom Grant Application (Continued)

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and include them with your application.

- I. OBJECTIVES:** List at least three objectives that you want your students to learn about agriculture through your project.
- II. PLAN OF ACTION:** What will you be doing and how will you be doing it? Please be as detailed as possible.
- III. IMPACT AND EVALUATION:** How will you measure what your students have learned?
- IV. BUDGET:** Provide a brief itemized list of materials required for your project and *estimated costs*.
- V. BONUS:** Please provide any other useful information that will help us evaluate your grant application.

Send page 2 of this application packet along with the answers to the above questions to the Georgia Agribusiness Council office by mail*, e-mail or fax by October 10, 2014.

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Have you checked out www.GeorgiaAg.com? If not, this website is a great resource for teachers around the state interested in learning more about Georgia agriculture and teaching their students. GAC is proud to offer this website as a tool for you to use in your classroom.

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