



Wisconsin Farmers Union Foundation Grants Policy

The Wisconsin Farmers Union and Wisconsin Farmers Union Foundation make grants of various sizes, dependent upon available funding. A typical amount is from \$50-\$1,000. We do award a few larger grants.

Eligibility

Grant requests must meet the Wisconsin Farmers Union Foundation's mission: The Wisconsin Farmers Union Foundation supports projects and programs for all ages that foster family farming, rural life and public education on the important role of cooperatives and agriculture in society.

Any non-profit organization or individual serving Wisconsin, with proposals meeting the Wisconsin Farmers Union Foundation's mission, is eligible for consideration. Preference is given to organizations or individuals that demonstrate the ability to raise matching funds (cash or in-kind).

Proposals advocating for or supporting political candidates will not be considered.

If possible, please seek out a County Farmers Union chapter in your area to work together on your event, thereby qualifying for a Local Initiative Grant. Please call 715-723-5561 for more information.

Application

Any eligible organization or individual submitting a request must:

- 1. Submit a written narrative about the grant's purpose/goals and use, and include the organization's or individual's background and history.
- 2. Requests also should include a budget demonstrating the breakdown of how the funding will be used and identify all other funding resources.

Requests may be made via mail or e-mail:

Address: Wisconsin Farmers Union WFU Foundation Grants 117 W. Spring Street Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Email: Julie Keown-Bomar, WFU Executive Director – <u>jbomar@wisconsinfarmersunion.com</u>, And

Danielle Endvick, Development Director – dendvick@wisconsinfarmersunion.com

Mass-mailings, form letters, form requests or telephone solicitations will have limited consideration.

Please include a 501c3 determination letter along with your application, if applicable.

Consideration

Applications will be reviewed by a committee including members of the Wisconsin Farmers Union Board, the Wisconsin Farmers Union Foundation Board and Wisconsin Farmers Union staff.

Deadlines

Applications will be considered on a quarterly basis. Quarterly application deadlines are February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15. Applicants will be notified following the quarterly grant committee meeting under which the application was made.

Reporting

Successful applicants must, within a year of the grant's acceptance, submit a final activity and financial report demonstrating how the funding was used including an evaluation and attendance facts, if pertinent.