



5 COUNTY HISTORY O IMPACT

2018-2019 Program of Work and Budget

AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM (AITC)

Educates students about agriculture and the role it plays in their daily lives by providing free materials and classroom presentations. The Foundation's Agriculture Literacy Coordinator works in schools around the county. **\$21,500**

SCHOLARSHIPS

Enhance the future of agriculture by providing college scholarships to Whiteside County Farm Bureau members and their children who major in an agriculture-related field of study. Awarded in spring 2019. **\$12,500**

SUMMER INTERNS

Summer interns play a key role in the success of the Farm Camp program; organizing daily activities for each camp. The Foundation will hire three interns to carry out programs. **\$5,500**

FARM CAMP

Farm Camp is a five-day camp that provides a unique, hand-on learning experience about agriculture. Includes daily field trips to local farms and AITC activities. In 2018, the Foundation will host a total of eight camps around the county for more than 225 kids. **\$5,250**

WHITESIDE COUNTY AG MAG

Ag Mag will be a four-color, four page tabloid featuring facts about Whiteside County agriculture. It will feature farmers from the county. Topics include dairy, horses, alpacas, pigs, honey bees, goats, sheep and specialty crops. **\$2,900**

CLASSROOM GRANTS

The Foundation will award up to five \$200 grants awarded to teachers for developing new and creative lessons about agriculture to enhance their classroom experiences. **\$1,000**

POLLINATOR PROJECT

Agriculture needs pollinators! The one-day event will provide hands-on learning experiences teaching kids about the role pollinators play in food production. This event will take place at Selmi's Greenhouse and Farm in Rock Falls. **\$1,000**

CLASSROOM DOOR & BULLETIN BOARD DECORATING CONTEST

To celebrate National Agriculture Week in March 2019, classrooms will decorate their room door or a bulletin board showing what agriculture means to them. The door and bulletin boards selected as contest winners will receive a gift card to purchase supplies for their classrooms. **\$600**

SUMMER AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE

Educators receive intensive hands-on training and field trip experiences in agriculture which help them become more comfortable incorporating agriculture into their daily lessons through use of AITC materials. **\$500**

TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET

\$50,750

Program Results and Future Programs

Program Results

- During the 2017-2018 program year:
 - ❖ Agriculture in the Classroom reached 12,012 students.
 - ❖ 210 kids attended one of eight week-long Farm Camps during summer 2018.
 - ❖ Hired three summer interns coordinate the Foundation's Farm Camp program.
 - ❖ Awarded \$600 in classroom grants to three local teachers.
 - ❖ Provided \$1,400 in financial assistance to local FFA chapters.
 - ❖ Awarded \$18,000 (\$15,000 from the Foundation and \$3,000 from the Farm Bureau Young Leaders) in scholarships to local high school and college students pursuing careers in agriculture.



Sterling FFA received funds to assist with their annual Farmapalooza event.

Future Programs

- Develop a week-long agricultural camp for 6-8 grade students that focuses on soil and plant sciences. This camp will be an extension of the Farm Camp program.
- Provide the Sterling and Rock Falls library districts with barn bookcases and \$250 grants to purchase agriculture-related books for kids.
- Continue support for local high school agriculture education programs.
- Explore offering a Junior Vet University Day for kids to experience a day of a veterinarian.



Students at Fulton's Unity Christian School received a classroom grant.



Morrison FFA received donations from the Foundation and Young Leaders to help send members to the National FFA convention.



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