

Q&A



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1. WHAT IS THE AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES PROJECT?

The America's Farmers Grow Communities Project is a program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, to support farming communities by offering farmers the opportunity to register to win \$2,500 for their favorite community charity. Recipients could include FFA, 4-H, school or other civic organization – hospital, fire department or food pantry. It only takes about five minutes to apply, and the application period is May 1 – July 31, 2010. The program started with awards in Missouri, Arkansas and Iowa. Due to its success, the program has now been expanded to 298 counties in California, Kansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and South Dakota.

2. HOW DOES A FARMER REGISTER?

Eligible farmers can fill out an entry form at www.growcommunities.com or by calling 1-877-267-3332 to receive a copy of the entry form and rules. Completed entries can be mailed to Jane Winburn, 914 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63102. One winner will be drawn for each eligible county from all eligible entrants received for that county. No purchase is necessary to enter or win.

3. IS THIS A NEW PROGRAM?

This program is similar to a pilot program that was sponsored by Monsanto Company. That program began in January and made awards in Arkansas, Iowa and Missouri. We received positive feedback from farmers, so Monsanto Fund is expanding the program to include farmers in 298 counties in California, Kansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and South Dakota.

4. WHY ARE YOU SPONSORING THIS PROJECT?

Rural communities are the heart of America. It's where we find the people who work hard to feed, fuel and clothe our country and the world. We believe in rural America, and we want to support the communities where farmers, Monsanto Company's customers, live and work.

5. HOW ARE THE WINNERS CHOSEN?

Winners are randomly selected by a third party.

6. WHY AREN'T THE WINNERS BASED ON MERIT/NEED OF THEIR ORGANIZATION?

We believe farmers who register will make a good decision on where the money is most needed to support their communities, and we wanted to make the process as simple and easy as possible.

7. WHEN WILL THE WINNERS BE ANNOUNCED?

Winners will be selected and announced in September 2010.

8. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ONLY THESE COUNTIES?

Every county is certainly worthy of receiving these community grants. Monsanto Fund hopes to broaden the program even further this fall.

9. DOES THE DONATION HAVE TO BE MADE IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH YOU LIVE?

Yes. We want all of the counties to benefit from the program, so we ask that you choose an organization in your home county. If you live and farm in two different counties, please use your address from the county you want to make the donation.

10. CAN YOU SPLIT THE DONATION BETWEEN TWO ORGANIZATIONS?

No. We ask that you select one organization in your community.

11. WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN RECEIVE THE GRANTS?

The recipient of the grant must meet the Internal Revenue Code of a charitable organization. If the winner resides in a city with more than 30,000 residents, then the organization must be an agriculture-related organization – 4-H, FFA, food pantry, etc. If the winner resides in a city of 30,000 or less, the organization must fit within one of two priority areas: 1. Community Enrichment – schools, hospitals, community centers, ballparks, fire departments, etc.; or 2. Youth in Agriculture – 4-H and FFA.

12. WHY CAN ONLY FARMERS APPLY?

Monsanto Company's only business is agriculture, so Monsanto Fund has a special interest in supporting farmers. The purpose of the project is for farmers to choose where they think the money is most needed in their communities.

13. ARE YOU DOING THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR?

We hope to repeat and expand the program.

ELIGIBLE COUNTIES:



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CALIFORNIA COUNTIES: Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare.

KANSAS COUNTIES: Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Barton, Brown, Butler, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Decatur, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Franklin, Gove, Gray, Greeley, Harvey, Haskell, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Kearny, Labette, Linn, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Meade, Miami, Montgomery, Morris, Nemaha, Neosho, Norton, Osage, Pawnee, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Shawnee, Sheridan, Sherman, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Thomas, Wallace, Washington and Wilson.

NEBRASKA COUNTIES: Adams, Antelope, Boone, Box Butte, Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawson, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Madison, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Perkins, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster and York.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES: Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Robeson, Rowan, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Tyrrell, Union, Washington, Wayne, Wilson and Yadkin.

OHIO COUNTIES: Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Crawford, Darke, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Highland, Huron, Knox, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Marion, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Pickaway, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Ross, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Stark, Union, Van Wert, Warren, Wayne, Williams, Wood and Wyandot.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES: Allendale, Calhoun, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Hampton, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg.

SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTIES: Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Campbell, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Gregory, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, Tripp, Turner, Union, Walworth and Yankton.

Entrants must be 21 years or older and actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn, soybeans and/or cotton or 40 acres of open field vegetables or at least 10 acres of vegetables grown in protected culture. Entrants must reside in eligible counties in California, Kansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina or South Dakota where a minimum of 50,000 acres of corn and/or soybeans, 25,000 acres of cotton and/or 50,000 acres of vegetables are planted per year. Visit www.growcommunities.com for a full list of eligible counties and organization eligibility.

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