



2026-2027 Garden Education Projects

San Diego Ag in the Classroom (SDAIRC) is pleased to announce an opportunity for San Diego County Schools and youth organizations to apply for an award that supports garden projects that enhance the teaching of agriculture. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 and can be awarded to groups or schools.

Applications will be available starting **September 21, 2026** on the San Diego Ag in the Classroom website www.sdairc.org and the San Diego County Farm Bureau website www.sdfarmbureau.org or by contacting sdcfb@sdfarmbureau.org or by calling the Farm Bureau office at (760) 745-3023.

DEADLINE: All applications must be submitted or postmarked by **Monday, November 16, 2026.**

RESULTS: Awards will be announced by **February 28, 2027.**

EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO: sdcfb@sdfarmbureau.org

***Items not funded by this award:
computers, cameras, salaries, stipends and field trips***

NOTE:

Applications submitted must focus on San Diego County's agriculture as defined by:
"The science, art and business of producing nursery and food crops, cultivating soil, and raising livestock, eggs, milk or other commodities for sale in commercial markets and school nutrition programs."



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Contact Information and Signature Page

School or Organization:

Primary Contact:

Primary Phone#:

Organization Address:

City/State/Zip:

E-mail:

☐ Check here to give us permission to add your email address to the San Diego Ag in the Classroom mailing list so you may continue to receive updates on events and Garden Education Project opportunities

Have you received funds from San Diego Ag in the Classroom before: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If awarded funding, to whom should we make out the check?

Name:

Mailing Address:

Relationship to the program:

***** PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW *****

The amount of award money allocated to each garden/project chosen will be determined by the San Diego Ag in the Classroom Board of Directors and will depend on the magnitude and extent of the proposal as well as its relationship to agriculture.

Award finalists may receive a visit by the SDAITC Board of Directors prior to final awardee selection. This is your opportunity to personally share your vision, plan & goals for your project. Additionally, awardees must be willing to create a display for future outreach.

Garden Education Project Award Recipients will be required to submit a brief progress report to San Diego AITC before the end of the school year.

I have read and understood the above.

Signature

Date



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PROJECT NARRATIVE

Please address the following in order, in 2 pages or less.

1. Title of program/project.
2. Provide a brief description of your program/project.
3. What are the primary educational objectives of your program/project?
4. How will this program/project support the understanding of San Diego agriculture?
5. Please describe the population that will primarily be engaged in this program/project. (age, number of students, club, etc.)
 - a) Enter estimated number of students that will benefit from this project: _____
 - b) Enter estimated number of teachers that will benefit from this project: _____
 - c) Enter estimated number of volunteers that will participate in this project: _____
6. How do you plan to evaluate the effectiveness of your efforts?
7. If this award is funding a garden project, please answer the questions below:
 - a. Who is primarily responsible for your garden/project?
 - b. Describe what onsite support exists within the school for this garden/project.
 - c. If you have additional partners from the general community, list them here.
 - d. What process is in place to ensure continuity of the garden program?
(Mentorships, succession plan, integration into classroom curriculum, etc.)



ATTACHMENTS

Please include the following attachments with your application.

*The project applicant is responsible for securing releases for all persons in photos. We suggest that the school have a "photo release" on file for each student in any submitted photos. Photos may be used by SDAITC for promotional purposes.

- Letter of support from school principal or director of organization
- Project Budget (Include all actual or estimated costs and other sources of funding for this project)
- No more than one page of photos, diagrams or designs to support or illustrate your project.

The entire Garden Education Project application, with attachments, may not exceed 6 pages. Only completed applications will be considered. Before submitting, please check that your application contains:

- Focus on San Diego County Agriculture
- Contact information and signature page
- 2 page Project Narrative
- Letter of support from the school principal
- Project Budget
- One page of supporting photos, diagrams, or designs