

# Young Farmers Grant

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KEY FACTS

◆ Agency:

Texas Department of Agriculture

◆ Award Information:

Deadline: April 10, 2019

◆ Award Date Range:

Announcements made in September and January

◆ Application:

<https://bit.ly/2XRCf06>  
Grant information:  
<https://bit.ly/1jJw9Ys>

◆ Current Program Funds:

Total Funds Per Cycle:  
\$150,000  
Max Funds Per Applicant:  
\$20,000  
Min Funds Per Applicant:  
\$5,000

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance in the form of dollar-for-dollar matching grant funds to young agricultural producers that are engaged or will be engaged in creating or expanding an agricultural business in Texas. The Young Farmer Grant Program aims to grow and support Texas agriculture, help meet a financial need that is otherwise not met, and help grow an operation that also impacts the community

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Grant applications will be accepted from any individual person 18 years or older, but younger than 46 years of age as of the application deadline, who is engaged or will be engaged in creating or expanding agriculture in Texas. Applications that merely propose to sustain an existing agricultural business are not eligible for an award under this program. Corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships or other types of foreign or domestic entities are not eligible for awards under this program. TDA will immediately disqualify any application filed on behalf of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other types of foreign or domestic entity. The applicant must be able to make dollar-for-dollar matching expenditures to sustain, create or expand the proposed project.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Examples of eligible expenditures:  
a) Personnel costs – both salary and benefits (grant funds may be used for directly supporting salaries and wages of employees, but not for the value of applicant’s own services);  
b) Contracts – agreements made with private parties to perform a portion of the grant project;  
c) Supplies and direct operating expenses – costs for materials, supplies, and fabricated parts necessary to carry out the grant project;  
d) Other expenses – any expenses that do not fall into the above categories but are itemized on the approved project budget; and Trade and Business Development – Grants Young Farmer Grant Program February 2019  
e) Non-capitalized equipment – nonexpendable, tangible personal property having an acquisition cost of less than \$5,000.

## FIGURES

