



STROLLING OF THE HEIFERS FOUNDATION GRANT GUIDELINES 2007 -2008

Thanks to money raised by the Strolling of the Heifers, Inc., we are once again able to fund opportunities for school children in the Windham County area to learn more about agriculture and the many ways that small farms contribute to our quality of life. This year we are calling for proposals for grants of up to \$1,000 that enable schools to partner with a farmer on school projects that raise awareness about the key role that farming and agriculture play in our communities.

Examples of projects that were funded last year include:

1. Nutrition and locally grown food: making the connection between local farmers and healthy eating habits
2. Increase the purchase local foods in the school food program
3. Personal experiences with the realities of farming in our community
4. Recycling and organic gardening
5. Study diversity of agriculture and how farmers contribute to our local society
6. Study the history and cycle of farming in the community.

To apply, send six packets of a two-page proposal by **Thursday, March 13, 2008** that describes your project and how you will spend the requested funds. Monies can be spent on materials, honoraria to farmers and teachers, and any other costs that are essential to your project. Place the name and address of your group's contact on your grant.

We will be looking for projects that:

1. Include farmers as partners by making visits to farms, inviting farmers into the classroom, etc.
2. Raise students' agricultural awareness about what farmers do, the challenges they face, and their role in our community
3. Are achievable without undue strain on either teachers or farmers and naturally fit into participants' educational and agricultural circumstances.

We will notify all applicants selected to receive grant money by **mid-March**.

Eighty percent of the funds awarded will be given to grant recipients at the start of the project. The remaining twenty percent of the grant money will be distributed once you have sent us information on how your project went. This might include a scrap book, student work samples, essays, stories, or any other means you can think of to show us how you went about your project and what was learned or achieved.

If you have questions or would like advice about your project's feasibility or farmers with whom to partner, please contact: Orly Munzing, Executive Director of the Strolling of the Heifers, at 802-258-9177 or at orly@svcable.net

Please mail grant proposals to:

**Laurie Garland
162 Carpenter Road Dummerston, VT
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Please note: Honoraria not to exceed \$50 per farmer or teacher. Grant money will only be awarded to non-profit organizations or schools. Grantees will be asked to showcase or display their project at the Strolling of the Heifers Festival.

