



2017 Guidelines:

YOUTH AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVES PROGRAM

OHIO COUNTY

The Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP) guidelines were developed to facilitate a growing need for a specialized program that would benefit youth actively engaged in agriculture. The focus of the program is on youth developing agricultural projects, as well as strengthening partnerships with school ag programs, Cooperative Extension, and 4-H/FFA organizations.

Questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the Ohio County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 298-7441 Fax: (270) 298-4660

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APPLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE!!!

- **YAIP Applications Available - July 26, 2017 to September 7, 2017**
- **YAIP Applications must be returned to the Extension Office between August 10 and by noon on September 8.**
- **Receipts must be dated between February 1, 2017 – December 1, 2017**
- **YAIP Reimbursement paperwork deadline – December 1, 2017**

YOUTH AGRICULTURE INCENTIVES PROGRAM FUNDING

- Youth Applicant is eligible for **up to \$1,000** cost share maximum for 2017 program year.
- YAIP Funds will be **prorated based on number of youth applicants**.
- Eligible cost share is based on a 50/50 cost share basis, up to \$1000 maximum allowed.
- YAIP Cost Share funds must be paid to the applicant.
- **Proof of payment is required for all reimbursements and shall include the following:**
 - a. Itemized invoice/receipt with buyer and seller detail (YAIP Reimbursement Purchase form will be available at Extension Office. Purchase form must include Name, Address, Phone #, Item purchased, cost, payment type.
 - b. Cancelled Check/Credit/Debit Statement (**Youth/parent-guardian account cancelled checks**)
 - c. **NO CASH PURCHASES** are eligible for reimbursement

YOUTH AGRICULTURE INCENTIVES PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. **Applicant** must be enrolled as a elementary, middle or high school, or a home school student.
 - Applicant shall be **at least 9 years of age by January 1, 2017**. Age is based on 4-H program entry age.
 - YAIP is not available for the Clover Bud age group of 4-7 years.
2. Youth Applicant shall provide their **individual Social Security Number on application (required)**
All participants will receive Form 1099 from the YAIP Program.
Youth Checking account is encouraged, but not required to apply for program funds.

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3. Applicant is required to have parental consent if under the age of 18
See Parental Consent Section of the Youth Application
4. **YAIP Applications must be picked up & returned to the Ohio County Extension Office by deadline.**
5. **Review all YAIP guidelines and program requirements** before starting to complete application. All pages of the application must be completely filled out. **Incomplete applications are not eligible for funding.**
6. **Return YAIP application to Extension Office by application deadline.**
After application deadline, applications will be scored and applicants will be notified of approval/denial. Applicant must then pick up packet of reimbursement papers at Extension Office. **Funds will be dispersed on a reimbursement basis. Applicants who provide false information will be ineligible for this year and future cost-share programs.**
7. **Applicant cannot change programs after YAIP application approval.**
8. **Mentorship is required from one of the following types of organizations (See Mentorship Form)**
 - a. 4-H Leader or Extension Agent
 - b. FFA Leader or School Ag Teacher
 - c. Other Agricultural organization**Mentors shall be willing to provide consultation or assistance for the length of the program and shall not be from the applicant's immediate family.**
9. Applicant is required to present at least (1) presentation to their mentor and peers related to their project **or** Organize one (1) event in partnership with 4-H, FFA or other agricultural organization relative to the following:
 - a. Community service event
 - b. Workshop or field day
10. Applicant shall complete at least one educational component from one of the following:
All education must be approved by the applicants designated mentor.
 - a. 4-H Club education – specific to investment area
 - b. FFA program education – specific to investment area
 - c. Leadership or Community Service
 - d. Marketing or Promotion
11. **NO YAIP FUNDS WILL DISPERSED** until reimbursement paperwork is completed and Approved by the committee for reimbursement.

EXCLUSIONS

- Applicants are only eligible for funding in one of the following per program year:
- CAIP – County Agricultural Investment Program
- Next Generation Beginning Farmer Pilot Program
- Youth Agricultural Incentive Program

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program Administrator: Ohio County 4-H – YAIP Committee

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ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

EXCLUSIONS

- Consumables are not eligible – (i.e. feed, hay, medicines, etc.)
- Trailers, wagons and carts are not eligible.
- Reimbursement for purchases including labor, from the participant's immediate family (e.g. father/mother, brother/sister, aunt/uncle, etc.) are not eligible.
- Contract labor is eligible.

A. **Agricultural Diversification**

1. Horticulture

- Seedlings
- Media for plant production
- Containers for starting or growing plants
- Other materials and supplies for plant production

2. Hydroponics & Aquaponics

- Materials and supplies

B. **Farm Infrastructure**

1. Greenhouse

- Building components to construct or renovate an existing structure
- Contracted site preparation/labor

2. Livestock Barns

- Building components to construct or renovate an existing structure into appropriate facilities for either livestock, poultry, or equine.
- Contracted site preparation/labor

C. **Fencing & On-Farm Water**

1. Livestock Fencing

- Fencing materials (i.e. posts, wire, etc.)
- Contracted site preparation/labor

2. On-Farm Water

- Waterers – permanent or portable
- Irrigation equipment

D. **Large Animal**

1. Beef & Dairy

- Showmanship equipment & supplies
- Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals – no bull purchases
- Handling supplies & equipment

2. Equine

- Showmanship equipment & supplies
- Tack and show attire
- Handling supplies & equipment

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E. Small Animal

1. Bees

- Purchase of bees from an inspected source
- Handling supplies & equipment

2. Goat & Sheep

- Showmanship equipment & supplies
- Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals
- Handling supplies & equipment

3. Rabbit

- Showmanship equipment & supplies
- Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals
- Handling supplies & equipment

4. Swine

- Showmanship equipment & supplies
- Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals
- Handling supplies & equipment

F. Poultry and Other Fowl

- Showmanship equipment & supplies
- Purchase of breeding stock and/or market animals
- Handling supplies & equipment

G. Technology – Computer Software

- Quickbooks or other accounting software
- Farm livestock management software

H. Value-added & Marketing – Only items that add value on the farm to food and fiber

- Marketing, packaging and processing supplies

I. Country Ham Projects

- Ham purchase
- Project supplies
- Cost of participation in a 4-H Country Ham Project

**Questions concerning these YAIP Investment Areas should be directed to:
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