Minnesota 4-H Science of Agriculture Research Grant Overview

**PURPOSE**
Science of Agriculture Research Grants fund worthy youth research projects associated with the Minnesota 4-H Science of Agriculture program. $25,000 has been allotted to this year’s grants, with a limit of $5,000 for each Minnesota 4-H region.

**ELIGIBILITY**
Research projects must be conducted by a team of youth enrolled in the Minnesota 4-H Science of Agriculture program under the mentorship of a screened volunteer or staff mentor. The maximum grant award per team is $300. Multiple proposals from the same Minnesota 4-H county will be considered and are encouraged.

Disclaimer: Grant recipients must participate in the Science of Agriculture statewide event in June 2016. Failure to participate will necessitate the team returning all awarded funds.

**FUNDING PRIORITIES**
Proposals that meet the following criteria will be prioritized by the selection committee.

- Uses the 8 steps of engineering design process to address identified agricultural issue
- Clear description of how identified agricultural issue is impacting community
- Intentional partnership with an agriculture business and/or industry mentor
- Strong potential for youth to gain 21st century skills* and explore agricultural careers while conducting research
  * Include, but are not limited to, communicate effectively, build connections, positive choices, and make contributions

**FUNDING TIMELINE**

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**PROPOSAL PROCESS**
Applications received after Dec 31st may not be considered. Please submit applications to:

Minnesota 4-H Foundation  
Helping Hands Grants  
9 Coffey Hall • 1420 Eckles Ave. • St. Paul, MN 55108

**QUESTIONS**
Please direct questions about Science of Agriculture Research Grants to Erin Kelly-Collins at the Minnesota 4-H Foundation (612-624-7667 / erinkc@umn.edu).