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 2017. 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

- December 1 – 31, 2016 Applications accepted
- February 1, 2017 Awards announced & Funds available
- June 6, 2017 Grant evaluations due

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).