



2026  
Monterey County Agricultural Education  
Teacher \$500.00 Scholarship  
Application

The Monterey County Agricultural Education Teacher Scholarship is intended to support educators who actively incorporate agricultural education into their classrooms and help students better understand the importance of agriculture in Monterey County. Scholarship funds may be used for but are not limited to: classroom materials or supplies related to agriculture; curriculum development or instructional resources; professional development, workshops, or conferences, and Farm Day-related classroom or student activities. Eligibility requirements must be met; incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. **Application deadline is May 15, 2026**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information & Education

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates at this school: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade level: \_\_\_\_\_ Grades Taught previously: \_\_\_\_\_

**Farm Day Experience**-Please indicate the number of times you have participated in Farm Day activities:

As Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ As Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ As Presenter \_\_\_\_\_ As 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student \_\_\_\_\_

*The following elements of the application are to judge understanding and appreciation of issues affecting production agriculture in Monterey County.*

### STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

On a separate page, please describe how you incorporate agricultural education into your curriculum and respond to the following:

Briefly discuss the most significant aspects of agricultural production that students should understand.

**Note:** Responses will be evaluated on content, not on personal opinions. The statement must not exceed 500 words.

### APPLICANT AGRICULTURE RELATED ACTIVITIES:

Please list any agriculture-related educational activities, community involvement, honors, or relevant experiences.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a current credentialed teacher (including intern or long-term substitute credentials, if applicable);
- Be currently teaching at a public, private, or charter school located in Monterey County;
- Currently teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (or will in the upcoming year)
- Have at least one (1) year of teaching experience;
- Plan to continue teaching during the upcoming school year.

Preference may be given to applicants who demonstrate a strong commitment to agricultural education, agricultural literacy, or experiencing learning connected to agriculture. Monterey County Agricultural Education reserves the right to modify eligibility requirements and guidelines as needed.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on:

- Quality and clarity of written responses;
- Demonstrated integration of agriculture into classroom instruction;
- Understanding of issues affecting local and regional agriculture;
- Commitment to agricultural literacy and student engagement;
- Community involvement and professional dedication.

**RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS**

Recipients will be asked to provide a brief post-award summary describing how funds were used and the impact on students. Recipients may also allow Monterey County Agricultural Education to share general information or highlights related to the scholarship (with permission). The summary must be submitted no later than six months after the scholarship award is made. Recipient may be asked to supply a photo file to be used in social media and website postings.

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**CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION**

I hereby certify that I have completed all of the information on this application, and to the best of my knowledge it is correct and accurate. I acknowledge that all information on this application may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of scholarship award consideration. If selected, I agree to notify Monterey County Agricultural Education of any changes that may affect my eligibility.

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Applicants Signature

Applicants Name (printed)

Date

***Return completed application form to:***

**Monterey County Agricultural Education**

**1140 Abbott St., Ste. C, Salinas CA 93901**

Notices of scholarship awards will be made by June 15, 2026