



2026 Agricultural Advocacy Award Application

Sponsored by Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

Applications must be submitted by midnight on February 22, 2026. The project must have been conducted between 2/1/25 and 1/31/26.

NEW: Only digital submissions will be accepted.

The purpose of this award is to encourage community agriculture awareness projects in Oregon's FFA Chapters. **New this year: Applicants are required to digitally submit their *single most impactful project of the year*.** The top four teams will be recognized during a general session at the Oregon FFA State Convention, and will be awarded cash prizes of \$200, \$150, \$75, and \$50.

Based on applications, the top teams will be invited to the second round of application where they will present a fifteen-minute prepared presentation about the group's agricultural awareness efforts to an interview committee during the FFA State Convention. More details will be sent to the advisor if the team is selected for presentations.

This award is designed to be awarded to a team of individuals representing their FFA chapter. A team can have an unlimited number of members with the minimum number being two. Teams can be from a single chapter, or more than one chapter. If a team with members from a variety of chapters wins, the cash prize will be awarded at the discretion of the advisor who signs and approves this application.

Projects can be one-time events or ongoing, but either way must be reflective of what the chapter considers to be their ***single most impactful project***. Please review the scoring rubric to gain an understanding of how we will be scoring the projects.

This application and the interview should be completed by current FFA members with advisor's input and guidance as needed.

Chapter Name _____ Advisor Name _____

Chapter Address _____

Phone _____ Advisor Email _____

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I also agree to grant Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom permission to use the information provided for publicity purposes.

Signatures - Advisor _____ Chapter President _____

**Please direct all questions to Evelyn Tedrick, at
Evelyn.Tedrick@oregonstate.edu.**

Since February 1, 2025:

Answer the following questions in detail; **please attach additional pages or add space as needed.**

What is the total number of FFA members in your chapter? _____
What is the total number of FFA members who participated in the project? _____
Total students/youth reached (outside your FFA members)? _____
Total of all other people reached _____

1. Describe your agricultural advocacy project and your processes of organizing it. (Be sure to include any agricultural or community groups that you collaborated with.)
2. How did this project increase agricultural awareness in the community? What materials and resources were used?
3. Will this be an annual event or a special one-time event? Explain the process of planning the event with an estimated time the project took (planning included).
4. Please list the groups and organizations that you educated about agriculture through this project. Include school names, group names, grades, number of children or participants, and the date(s) of your agricultural awareness project. (Add more lines, as necessary.)

School Name/Group Name	Grades/Age Group	Number of Children/ Participants	Date

5. List other agricultural groups and/or community organizations that were involved or helped in your project. What major task(s) did they perform?

6. Self-evaluation/reflection: What worked well? What would you change? What surprised you?

7. Attach any letters of correspondence between your team and the schools/organizations involved (including thank-you notes). Please note that applications will not be returned; make copies as necessary.

8. Attach any related photos, with captions or descriptions, news articles, or videos that were taken during your agricultural literacy project.

**Submit via email to aitc@oregonstate.edu.
Deadline February 22, 2026**

Guidelines and Scorecard for a Successful Agricultural Awareness Award

1. Message Target - Education: Teaching youth and the general public about agriculture and increasing their agricultural literacy is the goal of the Oregon AITC Agricultural Advocacy Award. _____ 5 points
2. Reach: The more students and people you educate, the better. Size and reach of projects in comparison to the region area will be considered. For example, we understand that projects in smaller communities will typically reach less numbers than projects in larger, more populous regions of the state. _____ 5 points
3. Level of Student Involvement: The more FFA/Agricultural Program students you can involve in your project, the better. Consideration will be given to school and chapter size. _____ 5 points
4. Project Organization: Your attention to detail and project organization is important, especially when the public and chapter members are involved. _____ 5 points
5. Project Involvement: Involvement with other agricultural groups or community organizations. _____ 5 points
6. Self-Evaluation/Reflection: Evaluation by FFA students on effectiveness of project. _____ 5 points
7. Evidence & Correspondence: **Photos, videos, articles, reviews, letters of correspondence, support, planning, evaluations**, etc. that document your project. _____ 5 points
8. Grammar, Spelling, Etc.: The quality of your application will be determined not only by the quality of your project, but by the professionalism with which it is presented. _____ 5 points

TOTAL _____ 40 points