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## **Applications open for MD Agriculture Council Educational Grants**

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The Maryland Agriculture Council began awarding educational grants to organizations in 2001, for the purpose of expanding its mission to promote Maryland agriculture. Hundreds of applications have been received through the years with creative and unique programs being executed on a local level. Applications are due **September 30**, **2023**.

"We are always excited to recognize and reward the tremendous agriculture education programs that are taking place in Maryland," said Chuck Schuster, MAC Grants Chairperson. "This program fulfills our mission and highlights the importance of these grassroots efforts."

The grant program guidelines and application can be found at <a href="www.mdagcouncil.com">www.mdagcouncil.com</a> or requested from Chuck Schuster at <a href="cfs@umd.edu">cfs@umd.edu</a>. Grant winners will be announced during the Taste of Maryland Agriculture on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland at Arundel Mills in Hanover, MD.

The mission of the Maryland Agriculture Council, Inc., is to promote Maryland Agriculture and to educate the public on its importance. The Council is committed to ensuring and promoting a viable agriculture industry in Maryland under the leadership of a board of directors representing the broad scope of agriculture. Strategies for reaching those goals are through legislative communication (*Taste of MD Agriculture* & legislative visits), the grant program, marketing, and promotion.

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