Illinois Farm Bureau
Corporate Giving Guidelines

What We Support

All requests for support in the form of grants or sponsorships from Illinois Farm Bureau must align with our corporate giving priorities: investing in future leaders, enriching Illinois communities, cultivating environmental stewardship and championing agricultural innovation.

All requests should be submitted by entities registered as 501(c)(3) organizations.

For non-profit organizations within the Central Illinois community, only requests for support from groups who demonstrate a clear vision and purpose will be considered. Within the online application, charitable groups are asked to define their impact on the communities in which they operate. They are also asked to determine which of our corporate giving priorities they best represent.

For nonprofits dedicated to serving others at a statewide level, only requests aligning with Illinois Farm Bureau’s mission to improve the economic well-being of agriculture and enrich the quality of farm family life, will be considered. During the application process, these organizations are asked to identify which of our corporate giving priorities their work most closely relates to.

In general, requests for support should be between $250 and $1,500. All decisions related to corporate giving are at the sole discretion of Illinois Farm Bureau.

Organizations or Purposes That Do Not Qualify for Corporate Giving

Illinois Farm Bureau will not provide funding, gifts or grants for the following types of organizations or purposes, which include but are not limited to:

- Gifts, or portions thereof, to organizations that are not charitable or tax-deductible.
- Initiatives for the benefit of an individual or family.
- Political organizations or campaigns.
- Animal advocacy organizations, not excluding animal care organizations such as local humane societies and animal control organizations.
- Sports or athletic teams.
- Travel or organized field trips.
- Monuments or memorials.
- Houses of worship, including volunteerism/teaching vacation bible school, Sunday school, etc. However, religious or faith-based organizations providing services such as food pantries, etc., free to the community may be considered.
- Any other gift or organization that the Illinois Farm Bureau, in its sole discretion, considers non-compliant with the law, controversial, or otherwise incompatible with the company’s philanthropic mission.
- Illinois Farm Bureau will only support organizations that do not conflict with the Illinois Farm Bureau’s business principles and Code of Business Conduct, fully disclosing if there is a conflict of interest.