



LEADERSHIP ENRICHMENT AND AGRICULTURAL PROMOTION (LEAP) PROJECT GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The Leadership Enrichment and Agricultural Promotion (LEAP) Project is a special project of the Montana FFA Foundation designed to expand student engagement in implementing their Program of Activities (POA). This project encourages FFA chapters to proactively assess community needs and be leaders in executing activities to benefit leadership growth in their chapter, strengthen agricultural education in their school, and serve their communities. Chapters will choose a specific activity to implement during National FFA Week in February from their POA that relates to Growing Leaders, Building Communities, or Strengthening Agriculture as part of our statewide LEAP Project.

HOW IT WORKS

Through the LEAP Project, the Montana FFA Foundation will provide funds to support these local programs across the state to further chapters' progress towards achieving the goals for their selected POA activity. Each FFA chapter who participates in the LEAP Project will be provided with communications templates (including press release templates and project description) that they can use to promote their work in their communities. Winning projects will be selected in each of the three main POA areas assessed from follow-up reporting. These winning FFA chapters will each receive an enrichment grant award to expand their POA activities to better serve their communities and enhance leadership development in FFA members.

LEAP Project funds will be used to purchase building supplies, safety apparel, educational materials, program promotions throughout our communities, and other materials required to complete the POA activities executed as part of the Montana FFA LEAP Project during National FFA week in February. One of the main objectives from this project is to increase engagement of every agricultural education student at the chapter level in proactively problem-solving as they become servant leaders in their communities.

WHO CAN APPLY

Any active Montana FFA chapter is eligible to apply for funding.

APPLICATION TIMELINE & REPORTING

Applications for funding can be found on the Montana FFA website: <http://www.montanaffa.org/> or at this link: [LEAP Project Funding Request](#). The application is an online request form **due December 15**.

Follow-up summaries are due to the Montana FFA Foundation by **March 31** following the conclusion of National FFA Week in February.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Funding for LEAP projects varies. The first round of funding for the 2021-2022 schoolyear will be **\$250 per chapter**. Chapters with winning projects of the three POA categories will each receive **\$1,000 chapter enrichment grants**.