
Riceland Foods Foundation Grant Application Form

Applications should be typed or legibly printed on this form. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Name of Organization: _____ Date: _____

Is this organization classified by the IRS as: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Neither

Address—Street/City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Describe your organization's history, mission, programs or services: _____

Project Title: _____ Est. Project Cost: _____ Amount Requested: _____

State Project's Purpose: _____

State project's expected results: _____

Who and how many will benefit from this project: _____ What other funding sources are being considered for this project? _____

Provide a project timeline (start date and completion date): _____



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The Riceland Foods Foundation

The Foundation is a regional philanthropic organization supported by Riceland Foods, Inc., a farmer-owned cooperative serving rice farmers primarily in Arkansas and Missouri.

Our Mission

Riceland farmer-members individually support community activities and projects that are important to them. However, each year the Riceland Foods Foundation provides a limited amount of funds in the form of grants to improve the quality of life in the farming communities of Riceland's service area.

Grants help support programs related to:

Agriculture - Learning opportunities for farmers and professionals who serve them through seminars and conferences.

Youth - State 4-H and FFA projects, as well as sports programs in farming communities.

Communities - Equipment for rural fire departments, rebuilding community facilities, and community volunteer programs.

Education -- Educational opportunities for youth and adults including literacy and economics programs.

Environment - Encouraging farmers to develop waterfowl habitat on their farms.

Human Services - Contributing rice to feed hungry people through support of two regional food banks—the Arkansas Rice Depot in Little Rock, Ark., and the Bootheel Food Bank in Sikeston, Mo., both of which distribute rice and other food products to food pantries and feeding programs for those in need. The Foundation encourages Riceland employees to support no more than two health related projects per year.

Arts/Culture - Opportunities in the arts for its farmer-members and employees at its major employment centers in Stuttgart and Jonesboro, Ark.

Grant Eligibility

To be considered for a Riceland Foods Foundation grant, the applicant must:

- Be a publicly supported, private or non-profit organization having tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
- Serve a documented need in the rice-farming community,
- Have a successful record of achievement, and
- Complete a grant application form.

Ineligible Grant Requests

Grants will not be awarded to:

- Individuals or families regardless of need, or projects to benefit specific individuals.
- Projects or programs where a Riceland Foundation grant cannot make a significant contribution to success,
- Organizations, programs or projects which award grants or scholarships of its own,
- Churches, religious or political organizations, programs or projects, and
- Groups conducting contests or pageants, selling meal or raffle tickets, or similar fund raising activities.

Selection Criteria

The Foundation awards a limited number of grants to new projects each year. The total value of grants awarded annually is a fraction of the total amount of funds requested through grant applications. Therefore, the Foundation must be extremely selective when considering grant requests.

Denial of grant requests should not be interpreted as a negative evaluation of an organization's or project's usefulness, impact or potential for success. By necessity, most funding requests are denied due to limited available funds.

The awarding of a Foundation grant for a specific project does not assure that grants for the project will be awarded in subsequent years.

Submitted Materials

All materials submitted as or with a grant request become the property of the Foundation and will not be returned to the applicant.

The Foundation reserves the right to change or terminate its grant application and approval process at anytime

Deadlines

The Riceland Foundation board of directors meets to consider grant requests annually in the summer.

To be considered, completed grant application forms must be received no later than June 1. Requests not meeting the deadline may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Notification

Grant applicants will be notified in writing regarding the decision of the Foundation board. Board decisions are considered final.

References to Contributions

Any reference to grant contributions should be made to the Riceland Foods Foundation instead of Riceland Foods, Inc.

Foundation Contacts

All inquiries and requests for grant application forms and completed forms should be directed to the Foundation administrative assistant at:

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