

# Washington Apple Education Foundation Farmworker Adult Education Grant Program

## -2017 Grant Guidelines-

The Washington Apple Education Foundation Farmworker Adult Education Grant Program provides funding to school and community organizations providing adult education programs benefitting families employed in the tree fruit industry.

Key priorities of this program are:

- to boost economic self-sufficiency of families employed in the tree fruit industry
- to improve cross-cultural communications through English language literacy
- to increase employment advancement opportunities for current ag-workers
- to promote citizenship through access to preparatory classes

All activities of the WAEF Farmworker Education Program must benefit those employed in entry level or lower-level supervisory positions within Washington's tree fruit industry.

### General Guidelines

Washington state organizations providing services to farmworker families within the scope of the identified funding priorities and who operate within districts with a heavy tree fruit industry presence are eligible to apply.

### Target audience

Our goal is to positively impact families employed in the tree fruit industry by assisting programs providing ESL and citizenship preparation in communities where the tree fruit industry has a significant presence. Grants are targeted to existing programs operating in the following Washington state counties: Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Yakima, Franklin, Benton, Walla Walla, Adams.

Eligible applicants are non-profit, education (public or private) or religious institutions appropriately licensed to do business in Washington state.

### Types of Support

- Program Overhead – rent, supplies, utilities
- Programming – staffing, curriculum, software, program development
- Program Investment – hardware, infrastructure, program development

Generally, though not exclusively, preference will be given to applicants that succinctly connect grant funding with a program or purchase, in lieu of generating operational needs.

### Grant Range

Generally grants awarded through the WAEF Farmworker Education Community and School Grant Program range in size of \$2000-\$5000.

## Grantee Requirements

Grant recipients are required to send one or more staff or volunteer organizers or informed instructors to one (or both) of the two ESL forums scheduled in the early fall (September) and early spring (March). Forums will be open to all ESL providers.

Grant recipients are required to complete a program evaluation and return to WAEF by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following receipt of the grant.

Grantee program must operate a minimum of 24 weeks per year and accommodate students at two or more learning periods each week during active program weeks.

## Funding Priorities

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### English as a Second Language (ESL)

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Education and English literacy promote economic self-sufficiency, employment stability and civic engagement. A nation where all citizens share the same language is a nation where moms & dads, neighbors, employers & employees, and kids can connect about common goals, concerns and the future. English language attainment encourages community cohesiveness, civic engagement and economic self-sufficiency.

Priorities:

- delivery methods conscious of familial, cultural and employment needs
- learning environments respectful of adult learning concepts
- utilization of effective models with the ability to track results
- supportive of parental involvement in schools
- acknowledgement that language attainment requires providers and students to commit to a rigorous process likely involving multiple years
- prioritization of learning appropriate for civic engagement, social interactions or workplace growth over academic success
- fundamentally based programs that prepare adults to pass the citizenship test

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### Citizenship Preparation

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Acquisition of legal United State citizenship opens the door for greater employment opportunities, higher comfort levels with civic engagement and the ability to take full advantage of the free market. Families in the United States legally are protected from loss of the family unit due to relocation of part of the family.

Priorities:

- fundamentally based programs that prepare adults to pass the citizenship test
- recruitment of adults from farmworker communities

## Funding Restrictions

Grants will not be awarded to the following:

- organizations outside of Washington's primary tree fruit growing regions

- individuals, or to organizations on behalf of a specific individual(s)
- travel and related expenses for conferences or seminars
- programs primarily benefitting employee families of a sole employer
- technical programs, seminars or workshops fulfilling mandatory or government regulated training requirements
- multi-year commitments

### **Funding Partners**

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