



# Growing Hope Cayuga Youth Growing Projects Guidelines & Application

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**Funds are available for youth-led food and agriculture projects to address local hunger and malnutrition.**

Growing Hope Cayuga has secured funds to support youth-led food and agriculture projects from Cayuga County Youth Bureau and local sponsors. Projects must include school-aged youth from Cayuga County in both planning and implementation.

## **Purpose of Growing Projects**

- Educate youth and raise public awareness about hunger, malnutrition, farming and food systems locally.
- Empower youth to change the world through farming and community development.
- Accelerate an end to hunger and malnutrition through food production and food system reform.

## **Who may apply?**

Youth groups and organizations such as 4H, FFA, Z-Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, youth ministries, school districts, and nonprofits serving youth. Applicants may partner with a fiscal sponsor to provide insurance coverage and other administrative support.

## **Is there a deadline?**

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis while funding is available. A short presentation about your project may be requested. All funds must be fully expensed by December 31, 2026.

## **How will funding decisions be made?**

The Growing Hope Cayuga Board of Directors will make funding decisions on a rolling basis. Awards will be capped at \$5,000. Proposals will be evaluated based on level of youth engagement in design and implementation, impact on local hunger and malnutrition including public awareness, and sustainability.

## **What requirements are there if we're selected?**

- Track all your expenses and provide copies of all your receipts.
- Track metrics such as number of volunteers, funds raised, or pounds of food donated.
- Sign a photo release and share photos, stories and lessons learned.

*Funded applicants or their sponsors will need to provide a general liability certificate naming Growing Hope Cayuga as additional insured. All participants will be required to sign a hold harmless agreement releasing Growing Hope Cayuga from any liability associated with their project. Parental approval is required for all participating youth. Awarded funds must be spent by 12/31/2026. Growing Hope Cayuga reserves the right to not make any awards, make partial awards, or to fully fund one or more applications.*

Email completed applications to [growinghopecayuga@gmail.com](mailto:growinghopecayuga@gmail.com)

## Growing Hope Cayuga Youth Growing Project Application

Youth Group \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name / Location \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Youth Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Adult Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description.** Summarize your growing project in 300 words or less. Include goals, objectives, location, partners, beneficiaries, sustainability plan, and any other relevant information.

**Youth Involvement.** Describe how youth are involved in project design and implementation.

**Project Timeline (Start, End, Other Milestones)**

**How will your project contribute to lasting hunger solutions?**

**How will your project educate youth and raise public awareness about hunger?**

### **Project Budget**

Please complete the table below. List all project expenses and contributions including donations of agricultural supplies (seeds, fertilizer, animals), volunteer labor, land (growing or grazing plots), equipment, etc.

<b>Growing Project Budget Request    *Awards are capped at \$5,000.</b>			
	Description	Requested Funds (\$5,000 max)	Other Funds, Donations
Personnel/Labor			
Supplies			
Equipment			
Marketing			
Other			
Total			

**If full funding is not received, is your project able to move forward?**    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

**Are you interested in technical assistance from Growing Hope Cayuga?**    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

### **Additional Information**

Please provide the following information with your application *if available*.

- Youth Group or Sponsor mission statement and description
- Youth Group or Sponsor promotional piece (i.e. flyer, brochure, newsletter)

**Youth Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email questions and completed application to: [growinghopecayuga@gmail.com](mailto:growinghopecayuga@gmail.com)**