



Growing Hope Cayuga

Youth Growing Projects

Guidelines & Application

www.growinghopecayuga.org

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

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.

Growing Project Budget Request *Awards are capped at \$5,000.			
	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