New Producer Grant

Creating opportunities for new producers.

At AgWest Farm Credit, we recognize that a lack of start-up funds can be challenging for many new producers. This grant opportunity celebrates the ingenuity and passion of new producers and helps them bring dreams to fruition. This program was developed for those who have a vision for their operation but lack the funds to put their plans into action.

Available funds

Successful applicants will receive a one-time $15,000 grant to support their operation's growth.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants need to meet the following requirements:

- Be a full or part-time agriculturalist who has two years or less of operational experience (i.e. crop cycle) or has plans to start their operation within two years of the grant application date.
- Have an operation located within AgWest Farm Credit's territory. (To verify go to FarmCredit.com and enter your zip code into the Find a Lender field.)
- Not be a current AgWest lending customer.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be a U.S. citizen or a foreign national lawfully admitted for permanent residency or pursuant to certain visas.

Application process

To apply, the applicant must complete the following:

- Review the Strategic Business Planning guide on AgWestFC.com.
- View three recorded webinars on AgWestFC.com covering financial statement basics.
- Submit a business plan and cash flow budget (educational video and template available on the financial statement basics page on AgWestFC.com).
- Submit a one-page essay sharing the applicant's approach to deepening knowledge of their industry, how funds received through this grant will be used to achieve their business plan goals and how their operation will benefit their local community or help others.

Award process

Applicants will be evaluated on a five-point scale covering four components: application, business plan, cash flow budget and essay.

Deadline to apply:

May 31, 2024. Recipients will be recognized at an award ceremony to celebrate their achievements.

Questions?
Email: AgVision@AgWestFC.com.

Ready to apply? Get started by scanning the QR code below.

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