



Katie's Krops 2016 Grant Application

Empowering Kids to End Hunger
One Vegetable Garden at a Time

Katie's Krops is thrilled to have the support of our sponsors for our 2016 grant cycle! Working together, we are excited to offer grants to youth between the ages of 9 and 16 in the United States to start vegetable gardens and then donate the harvest to feed people in need in their communities.

The mission of Katie's Krops is to start and maintain vegetable gardens of all sizes and to donate the harvest to help feed people in need, as well as to assist and inspire others to do the same. The vision of Katie's Krops is to empower youth to grow a healthy solution to hunger.

The winners will be awarded a gift card to a garden center in their area (up to \$500), support from Katie's Krops, and a digital camera to document the garden and the harvest. Applications for all types of vegetable gardens, such as a container garden if you live in a city, or a vegetable garden located in your neighborhood or at your school, will be considered. Applicants must be between the ages of 9 and 16 as of **December 31, 2015**. **All applications must be filled out completely, postmarked by December 31, 2015, and signed by a *parent or legal guardian*.**

The grant winners will become part of the Katie's Krops growing family. In addition to grant materials, winners will be eligible to attend the all-expenses-paid Katie's Krops Summer Camp in Pelion, South Carolina, thanks to the generous support of our sponsor W.P. Rawl. We also award a yearly scholarship for higher education to the grantee of the year. All grantees that complete all grant requirements are eligible for funds to continue to grow, year after year, thereby creating a sustainable solution to hunger in their community. These are just a few of the perks of being part of the Katie's Krops growing family.

Applicant's Information (Please print neatly)

If you are a group applying for a Katie's Krops Grant, please write the name of the Primary Youth Contact in this section. This contact information will be the main point of contact for your garden and will be used for ALL Katie's Krops correspondence (i.e., phone, mail, and e-mail).

Youth Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Shipping Address (if different than Mailing Address): _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number with Area Code: _____

Youth E-Mail Address: _____

Age: _____ Please Circle One: Male or Female

Signature of Applicant: _____

Social Media Information

If you or your club is on social media, please provide your username for the following media communities.

Facebook: _____

Twitter: _____

Instagram: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Information

The child listed above has my permission to apply for this grant and, if selected, they will have my full support in starting a garden.

Parent or legal guardian name: _____

Parent E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Are you the primary adult contact for the garden? Please circle one: Yes or No

Parent or legal guardian signature: _____

Primary Adult Contact's Information

If the parent or legal guardian is not the primary adult contact for the garden, please write the name of the Primary Adult Contact (PAC) in this section. This contact information will be included on ALL Katie's Krops correspondence (i.e., mail and e-mail).

Name: _____

Relationship to Youth Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number with Area Code and Extension (if applicable): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Signature of PAC: _____

If your KK Garden is to be located at a school or other organization, please fill out the below Point of Contact (POC) information.

School / Organization Name (ex., Boys & Girls Club, School, Church, etc.): _____

Name of Summer POC: _____

Summer POC Email: _____

Summer POC Phone Number: _____

Who will be responsible for maintaining, harvesting, and caring for your KK Garden during the Summer months?

Letter of Recommendation

Please include with your application submission a hard copy letter of recommendation from one of your teachers, coaches, counselors, etc. Please make sure that all of their contact information is included in the letter and that the letter is written on official letterhead. Letters of recommendation may not be submitted by an immediate family member.

We cannot stress how important it is that when you are ready to mail in your 2016 Grant Application, please remember to include your letter of recommendation **with** your application.

Questions for the Applicant

Please answer all of the following questions (1-14) completely on a separate sheet of paper. For each question, each answer should not be longer than 150 words. Please type and number each of your answers.

- 1.) Why do you want to start a vegetable garden to feed people in need?
- 2.) Where will you plant your garden? This can be at your home, your school, church, community center, etc. Please feel free to include a photo of where you would like to plant your garden.
- 3.) Will this be a new garden or will you be revitalizing an existing garden? If it is an existing garden, please tell us about the garden space (e.g., how big the space is, are there raised beds, etc.).
- 4.) If this is a new garden, will you be building raised beds?
- 5.) Provide the name and phone number of the adult, such as a parent, principal, person in charge of a community center, etc., who can confirm that you have permission to plant a garden on their land.
- 6.) What is the size of the proposed garden? Please note that we encourage people to start small.
- 7.) Is there a water source for the garden (a place that you are able to attach a hose to or an existing in ground sprinkler system)?
- 8.) Who will help start and maintain your garden? List the volunteers and ages of the volunteers. Your volunteers must include a minimum of two adults. Please include contact e-mails or phone numbers for adult volunteers.
- 9.) Where will you donate your harvest? You may list several organizations/places along with addresses, phone numbers, and websites (if possible). If you wish to make direct donations to families in need, please explain how you will find these families. (Note: For food bank donations, some food banks charge families in need for fresh produce. Please check with your food bank on their policies. If your food bank does charge recipients for fresh produce, please select a different organization to donate to for the purposes of this grant.)
- 10.) Do you have any experience gardening (it is not required)? If you answered yes, please explain.
- 11.) What do you feel are your personal strengths?

- 12.) What extracurricular activities are you currently involved in throughout the year?
- 13.) Is there anything else you would like to share with us about yourself?
- 14.) How did you hear about Katie's Krops?

Please print out and mail your signed application, letter of recommendation, and all of your completed answers to:

Katie's Krops
P.O Box 1841
Summerville, SC 29484

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
December 31, 2015.**

We will only accept a mailed hard copy of your application.

We will NOT accept e-mailed applications.

*****A hard copy of your completed and signed application MUST be mailed in to Katie's Krops because we need to have original signatures on file (not copies).*****

Additional Information

If you would like to send photos, we would love to see where you will plant your garden, who will help, etc. If you would like to create a video, we would welcome a submission that is under two (2) minutes in length. The video can be sent to Katie@KatiesKrops.com only **after** the paper application has been mailed. When sending video, please include your full name as it is listed on the application, along with the city and state.

If we have any questions concerning your application submission, we will contact you for a follow-up phone interview. If we need to schedule a phone interview, you will first be contacted via e-mail during the week of **January 11, 2016**, with a proposed date and time. Please note that you will only be contacted for a phone interview if we require any additional information or have any follow-up questions pertaining to your application.

Questions & Answers

What are the dates of the Katie's Krops grant cycle?

The Katie's Krops grant cycle begins **October 1, 2015**, and ends **December 31, 2015**. The application review process will begin January 1, 2015, and conclude by January 31, 2015. The new grantees will be selected during this time.

When will the winners be notified?

The winners will be notified by **February 1, 2016**. Please note that only winners of the grant will be notified.

When will the winning garden be started?

The garden must be started in the **Spring of 2016**.

What store will the gift card be for?

The grant will be awarded in the form of a gift card to a garden supply store that is convenient to the winner's location. The winner will be allowed to select their choice of the store. The camera will be mailed directly to the winner.

What is required of the winner?

- The winner will be required to start and maintain a vegetable garden for a minimum of one planting season (we would like to find someone who would want to continue on for years to come).
- The entire harvest from the garden must be donated to people in need. This may be done through direct donations to families in need or by donating the harvest to soup kitchens or organizations that feed the needy.
- The winner will be required to submit photos, volunteer hours, harvest weights, and brief reports on their progress, which may include volunteers who have helped, donations made, and what they have learned from their experience.

- The winner must communicate with the Katie's Krops team and answer emails in a timely fashion.
- The winner and their parent or legal guardians are required to sign a letter agreeing to the above and they must also submit a photo release form signed by their parent or legal guardian to Katie's Krops by **March 1, 2016**, after they have been notified that they have won.

If I win, when will I receive the grant materials?

After the winners are announced, they will be required to have a photo release signed by their parents and they will be required to sign a grant agreement. When both agreements have been signed and returned to Katie's Krops, we will begin the process of funding your grant.

I am a teacher. Can I apply for the grant for my class?

We encourage classes to apply for the grant, but it must be the students who apply, not the teacher. Applicants must be between the ages of 9 and 16. The teacher may be listed as an adult volunteer.

Can a group of youth apply?

Yes! If you are applying as a group, one child must be selected as the lead person. This youth lead will be the applicant for the grant, submit all of the necessary paperwork, and will be the main point of contact for your garden. Please make sure everyone who is listed on the application meets the age requirements. In addition, everyone who is listed on the application must have a parent or legal guardian sign off on the applications and all additional paperwork in a timely manner. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting the grant.

What if my application is not postmarked by **December 31, 2015?**

Your application must be postmarked by **December 31, 2015** or it will not be considered for the grant. To make the process fair to all who apply, there will be no exceptions.

How will the winner be selected?

The winners will be selected based on their answers on their application. No garden experience is necessary. What is necessary is a good support system of volunteers and a willingness to give back to your community.

If you still have questions regarding the application or the grant, please e-mail your question(s) to Katie@KatiesKrops.com.



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