



## **Apply to Become a New 2021 Katie's Krops Grower:**

In the spirit of 2020, we are changing up the way we grow a healthy end to hunger to include even more children and families. Everything you need for your garden will be delivered to your doorstep in a Katie's Krops Grower Box! This box will allow youth to start their own gardens and donate the produce to a family or organization in their community. This Grower Box is made possible with the help of National Geographic, Proven Winners, All American Selections and Corona Tools.

The mission of Katie's Krops is to empower youth 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.

Youth selected as Katie's Krops Grower in 2021 will be awarded an all-inclusive grower kit. This kit will include items necessary to start a garden in your backyard, on your balcony or patio, etc. This box may include seeds, a hose, watering can, a sprayer nozzle for hose, educational materials, information on good/ bad bugs and diseases, a pH testing kit, a trowel, gardening gloves, pruners, organic fertilizer, plant markers, and a gift card to purchase soil.

Applicants must be between the ages of 7 and 16 as of December 31, 2020 and reside in the United States.. All applications must be filled out completely, postmarked by December 31, 2020, and signed by a *parent or legal guardian*.

It is very important that the youth applicant answers the questions. We welcome help from adults in completing the process but we love to hear what youth have to say! If you are hand writing this application, please write as neat and legible as possible.

### **\*Please note:**

- Early applications are preferred and will be heavily weighted in the process of selecting the new growers**
- Applications will be reviewed and decisions made on a rolling basis. New Growers will be notified by January 31, 2021 at the very latest. Please note the earlier you apply the earlier you will hear back!**
- The items that have been listed may appear in the grower box, as some of the items are dependent on where the child is growing their garden, along with other factors.**

**Prior to starting your application please note the following:**

- We welcome applications from youth who would like to start any type of vegetable garden and the whole harvest must be used to feed your own family and/or donated to feed people in need at food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, cancer centers, directly to families in need, etc. Where you will donate your harvest must be listed on the application.
- If you are applying on behalf of a group of young growers who wish to start a garden please designate ONLY ONE youth as the applicant. Do not list multiple youth on this application. Applications that do not list a youth name may not be considered.
- All applicants will be required to report on their gardens using a private grower website. Reporting includes sharing photos, harvest totals and garden updates. This will give us a chance to see how amazing your garden is doing!
- Growers in good standing by the end of 2021 will be eligible for support to continue to grow their garden in 2022!

**Contact Information:**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions for Applicants:

Where will you be planting your garden? Would you be planting in the ground in a backyard or would you be planting in pots on a porch or in another area?

If you are planting in a backyard, how big is your backyard?

If possible, provide photos of the space you will be planting in.

Is there a water source for you to water your garden with, such as a spigot?

How are you being schooled this year? Or are you going to in person classes, doing school virtually or being homeschooled?

Who will help you maintain your garden?

What gardening experience do you have, if any?

Would you prefer a gift card to Home Depot, Lowe's or Walmart for the purchasing of soil?

Do you have internet access for use on the Katie's Krops Grower website? This will be used to track your harvest, share photos and connect with other growers.

Why would you like to become a Katie's Krops Grower and donate produce to those in need in your community?

Where do you plan on donating your harvest?

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

**Please print out and mail your signed application and all of your completed answers to:**

**Katie's Krops**

**P.O Box 1841**

**Summerville, SC 29484**

