

Apply to Become a 2022 Katie's Krops Grower:

Grow with Katie's Krops! We are looking to expand our growing family by welcoming fifteen new Katie's Krops Growers in 2022. Children ages 7 to 16 who reside in the United States are eligible to apply to start a Katie's Krops Garden in their community, where the whole harvest is shared to help neighbors struggling with hunger and food insecurity.

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 2022 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. For example, this box may consist of 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, 2021, and reside in the United States. All applications must be filled out completely, postmarked by December 31, 2021, and signed by a parent or legal guardian.

The youth applicant must answer the questions. We welcome help from adults in completing the process, but we love to hear what youth have to say! If you are handwriting 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, 2022, at the very latest.

-The items that have been listed may appear in the grower box, as some of the items are dependent on where the applicant is growing their garden, along with other factors.

Before starting your application, please note the following:

-We welcome applications from youth who would like to start any type of

vegetable garden.

-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 youths on this application. Applications that do not list a youth name will 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! Reporting is not optional.

-Growers in good standing by the end of 2022 will be eligible for support to continue to grow their garden in 2023!

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

If no, please list adult who will be the primary contact:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Parent or legal guardian signature: _____

For the question portion of the application, this is your time to shine and show us who you are, why you want to start a Katie's Krops Garden, and why you want to help your neighbors in need.

Questions for Applicants:

Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper to answer.

Where will you be planting your garden? Please explain in detail. For example, will you be planting in the ground in a backyard, in pots on a porch or in another area, at a school, or other place in the ground or in planters?

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

Is there wildlife in the area where you want to grow your garden? Deer, rabbits, moles, etc.? If you answer yes, do you have a way to prevent the wildlife from eating your garden?

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?

Who will help you maintain your garden?

What gardening experience do you have, if any?

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, and why did you make this choice?

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
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