



Apply to Become a 2023 Katie's Krops Grower

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 facing 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 a Katie's Krops Grower in 2023 will be awarded \$500 in funding in the form of a gift card to a garden center of their choice, flower and vegetable seeds, support from the Katie's Krops team, including our Master Gardener, and assistance from Katie's Krops sponsors. Additionally, you will have access to our private reporting website, where you can connect with fellow Growers. Youth selected are eligible for funds to continue to grow year after year, and we also award a scholarship to our Grower of the Year.

Applicants must be between the ages of 7 and 16 as of December 31, 2022, and reside in the United States. All applications must be filled out completely, postmarked by December 30, 2023, and signed by a parent or legal guardian. Late applications will not be accepted.

We do require applications to be mailed in via the postal service. We do not accept any applications sent electronically. We have found that we can learn a lot about prospective Growers from a paper application that would be lost in a digital format. Feel free to show your personality and let us know whom you are by adding a photo with your application, adding a drawing of your prospective garden, or creating a scrapbook.

Have fun with the application! Grab your pencil, markers, and paper to let us know why you want to become a Katie's Krops Grower.

The youth applicant must answer the questions. We welcome help from adults in completing the application process, but we love to hear what the youth applicants have to say. If you are handwriting this application, please write as neatly and legibly 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, 2023, at the very latest. Please note the earlier you apply, the earlier you will hear back!

Before starting your application, please note the following:

-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 may not be considered.

-All applicants must report on their gardens using our 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 2023 will be eligible for funding and support to continue to grow their garden in 2024! We have Growers that have been with us for 12 years!

Youth Contact Information:

Youth Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number with Area Code: _____

Youth E-Mail Address: _____

Age: _____

Signature of Youth Applicant:

Parent or Legal Guardian's Information

The child listed above has my permission to apply to become a Katie's Krops Grower 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 the 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. Please feel free to use an additional piece of paper for your answers.

Questions for Applicants:

Where will you be planting your garden? Please be as specific as possible. For example, will it be at your home, school, community center, church, etc.? If the garden is not at your home, please share the address for the location.

IMPORTANT~ If your plan to grow a garden in a place other than your home, please include a letter, on letterhead, from the school, church, etc., stating that you have permission to grow a garden at that location.

How will your garden be maintained over the summer if you plan to grow your garden at a school? Please share the name and contact information of the person who can confirm that you have permission to access the garden while school is out of session. If you are not growing your garden at a school, please skip this question.

Tell us about your garden! Will you be planting in raised garden beds, in the ground, in pots and planters, or using a different method? What is your vision?

Do you know if there is wildlife in the area where you want to grow your garden? Deer, rabbits, moles, etc.? If you answered yes, do you have plans on how to prevent wildlife from eating your garden?

Please provide photos of the space you will be planting in if possible.

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

How much sun does the area receive? Please estimate the number of hours per day.

Please share who will help you maintain your garden.

What gardening experience do you have, if any? Please know none is required.

We would love to know why you would like to become a Katie's Krops Grower and donate produce to those in need in your community.

Where do you plan on donating the harvest from your garden, and why did you make this choice?

What is your favorite fruit/ vegetable?

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

How did you hear about becoming a Katie's Krops Grower?

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

Please mail this application back by December 30, 2022