



The Buckeye Seed Fund
Student Project Grant
Application | 2019-2020

Due December 13th | Awardees Announced by February 1st
Awards presented at Sunday, March 1 Buckeye Annual Meeting | Fortuna Riverlodge

About The Buckeye Seed Fund

In 2010, Buckeye Founding Member Andy Westfall published the first edition of a book called Humboldt Heartland. This project helps share the story of the family ranch in Humboldt County. Proceeds from the sale of this book helped establish the Buckeye Seed Fund. Publication of the book was made possible, in part, by a generous grant from the Humboldt Area Foundation to the Buckeye Organization.

What is the Buckeye Seed Fund Student Project Grant?

The Student Project Grant provides start-up funds and mentorship for students interested in sustainable agriculture from learning to grow vegetables to beekeeping.

Project Grant Funds: North Coast Students are awarded money based on their budget and goals for their project. This is our first year of Student Project Grants, we will distribute student project grants in increments up to \$200 to approximately 10-20 students.

Mentorship: A part of this Student Project Grant program is mentorship from Buckeye volunteers. We will pair awardees with agricultural producers who have some experience in agriculture business or the students project interest area. The mentor will make a commitment to call/email the student 2 times to check on the project.

Project Type:

- Beginning Project - Student is requesting funds to begin a new project. For example, a student wants to learn about beekeeping and plans to purchase a hive.
- Expansion Project - Student has already begun a project and is requesting funds to expand. Students may also reapply next year to expand a project you were awarded funds this year. For example, they have already started a firewood cutting business but want to buy their own chainsaw instead of borrowing one.

What are the criteria for selection?

Applications will be evaluated on the following areas:

- Project Summary
- Budget and Goals
- Students K -12th grade and college may apply.

Note: It is not a requirement to be part of a family that is a Buckeye Member. Student applicants are **not** evaluated on Buckeye Membership. Applications from students who live in the North Coast, or, are able to describe a tie to the area in the project overview will be prioritized. For example, a student attending college out of the area but graduated from a local high school. A student who lives out of the area but wants to learn about oak woodland restoration on their friend or families ranch on the North Coast.

What is the Buckeye?

The Buckeye is a non-profit organization with nearly 200 family, individual and commercial memberships, representing over 300,000 acres of forests and ranchland in the county. In a collaborative way, we are proactively seeking common sense solutions that will strengthen the economic and ecologic sustainability of these lands. We are farmers, ranchers, producers, dairymen, resource managers, foresters & stewards. Through education and advocacy, we strive to accomplish the mission of the Buckeye, to protect open space and family ranch land values on California's North Coast.

Why offer these grants?

The Buckeye is committed to the long-term viability of ranches and private forests throughout our region. Our efforts are intended not only to serve landowners today, but also to serve the generations of private landowners that follow. Ranchers have, for generations, fulfilled a critical role of preserving open spaces, and producing food and fiber. We recognize our responsibility to help ranchers and forest landowners fulfill this vital role. We think these student project grants could be a seed that helps grow the spirit of collaboration and agricultural understanding in the youth of our community. We want them to be successful!

How do Students Apply?

Complete application form. You can download forms from www.buckeyeconservancy.org. Applications may be emailed to info@thebuckeye.org or postmarked by December 13th
Mail to: PO BOX 5607, Eureka, CA 95502

For additional Information:

Please contact Valerie Elder, Executive Director-The Buckeye | [c707-725-8847](tel:707-725-8847) or info@thebuckeye.org

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The Buckeye - We are families...ranching for good!

Letter from the Committee

Dear Applicant,

We are a group of family landowners that will be celebrating twenty years in 2020 and with that are starting new projects that embrace and support the next generation.

One of these projects is a Buckeye Seed Fund. We consulted with local agriculture educational professionals such as 4-H volunteers, FFA and College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University Faculty who helped us identify a need. We decided to offer start-up funds for youth who need just a few hundred dollars to buy a bee hive to start a beekeeping project, or want to learn about growing organic vegetables but don't have the resources to start. In addition to start-up funds we will work to pair the youth with a producer in our community to help with basic agriculture business planning.

Our hope is that through this program we help build connections between the food we consume, the land that provides, and the people who produce it with an emphasis on sustainability!

Sincerely,

The Buckeye Student and Scholarship Committee

Andy Westfall, Rancher | Mel Krebs, Organic Farmer | Kyle Lutz, Dairyman | Ken Fulgham, Certified Rangeland Manager

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2019-2020 Deadline: December 13th

Student Information

Name _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Grade _____ School/College _____

If applicable: FFA Chapter / 4-H Club Name _____ Years in Club _____

Advisor/Project Leader Information: Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please check one: Beginning Project Expansion Project

I have included a photo of myself for The Buckeye to use if selected: Yes No

Please included responses either typed or handwritten. If you do not use this form do not exceed three pages (budget attachment ok). Photo not included in page count.

1. Please give a summary and overview of your project:

2. Goals for your project:

3. Budget

Operational Costs: Items having a direct relationship to the project that is planned to be used during the operation of this grant. (Examples: feed, bee hive, vet services, rent, and other items.)

Item Type	Description	Total Cost	Award Funded
Total			

Capital Item Costs: Other anticipated costs that are long-term items such as equipment and building repairs related to the project.

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Total			

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Provide a summary that explains your total cost budget and how the funds will be obtained.

1. How do you plan to obtain resources necessary to cover total project costs?
2. Do you have collaborations providing resources to help in accessing capital items such as breeding livestock, buildings, or machinery? Explain these collaborations.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

If Applicant is under 18 years of Age