



Fight Hunger One Garden at a Time in 2013 Katie's Krops Grant Application

Katie's Krops is thrilled to have the support of generous sponsors. Working together we are excited to offer grants to young individuals between the ages of 9 and 16.

The grant winners will receive materials to start a vegetable garden to feed people in need in their community. The mission of Katie's Krops is to start and maintain vegetable gardens of all sizes and donate the harvest to help feed people in need, as well as to assist and inspire others to do the same. The winner will be awarded a gift card to a garden center in their area (up to \$400), 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 March 1, 2013. Applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2013**. **All applications must be filled out completely and signed by a *parent or legal guardian*.**

Applicant's Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Age (as of March 1, 2013): _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Information:

My child has my permission to apply for this grant & if they are selected to start a garden, they will have my full support.

Parent or legal guardian name (print) _____

Parent or legal guardian (signature) _____

Phone number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please mail signed application & answers to all questions to:

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

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 1, 2013.

Only applications that are mailed will be accepted.

We will not accept e-mailed or faxed applications.

Answer all of the following questions completely. Each answer should not be longer than 150 words. Type the answers to the questions on a separate sheet of paper and number each question.

- 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.) Provide the name and phone number of the adult who can confirm that you have permission to plant a garden on their land such as a parent, principal, person in charge of community center, etc.
- 4.) What is the size of the proposed garden? Please note we encourage people to start small.
- 5.) 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)?
- 6.) 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.
- 7.) 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 on 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 purposes of this grant.)
- 8.) Do you have any experience gardening (it is not required)? If you answered yes, please explain.

Q & A-

When will the winner be notified?

The winner(s) will be notified by March 18, 2013. Only winner(s) will be notified. The winner(s) will be posted on the Katie's Krops website by April 1, 2013.

When will the winning garden be started?

The garden must be started in the spring of 2013.

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 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 also be required to submit photos to Katie's Krops (a minimum of 3 per month from the month that the garden is planted and for a minimum of 3 months thereafter).
- The winner will be required to submit a brief report on their progress every six to eight weeks, which may include volunteers who have helped, donations made & what they have learned from their experience.
- Photos and reports/updates may be posted on the Katie's Krops.
- The winner and the parent or legal guardian of the winner will be required to sign a letter agreeing to the above. The winner also must submit a photo release signed by their parent or legal guardian to Katie's Krops.

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

After the winner is 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 all have been signed and returned to Katie's Krops, the winner will receive their grant materials.

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.

What if I have plans to travel and I will not be able to take care of my garden?

You are not required to work in your garden every day, but you will need to make arrangements to have volunteers/supporters of your garden care for it in your absence.

What if my application is not postmarked by March 1, 2013?

Your application must be postmarked by March 1, 2013 or it will not be considered for the grant. To make the process fair to all there will be no exceptions.

How will the winner be selected?

Katie of Katie's Krops will select the winners of the grant. 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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