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# Educational and Instructional Activities Application

**The goal of the FAP Grant Program is to encourage the implementation of soil-based practices that improve soil quality, increase crop production, and reduce erosion and agricultural waste discharges. See the FAP Fact Sheet for more information about the FAP grant program and practice requirements.**

## Application for a Farm Agronomic Practice Program Grant

**The FAP Grant Program for Educational and Instructional Activities between July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 (FY2013):**

The purposes of FAP Grant Program educational and instructional activity grants are to inform the farmers and citizens of Vermont of:

- the impact on Vermont waters of agricultural waste discharges; and
- the federal and state requirements for controlling agricultural waste discharges.

Applications for an educational and instructional activity grant must include a description of activity objectives, target audience, and learning materials. Grant awards are application-specific and are limited to a maximum of $1,000 (based on invoice(s) excluding food/beverages). Payment is contingent upon a submission and review of an attendee list, material covered, and activity evaluations completed by attendees. Evaluation forms will be provided by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets prior to the activity.

**1. Applicant Information for Administrative Purposes**

**Name** _____ **Phone** ( _____ ) _____ - _____
(as shown on your income tax return)

**Business Name** _____
(if different from above)

**Mailing Address** _____

**Email** _____

**ACTIVITIES CANNOT OCCUR PRIOR TO PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE. PLEASE FULLY COMPLETE THE NEXT PAGE.**

This grant application must be fully completed, signed, and submitted to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, hereby referred to as the Agency, for eligibility. If selected, you will be notified by the Agency. You must submit a notice of practice completion and a claim for payment to the Agency in the year you were approved in order to receive grant funds (for fall enrollment the deadline is December 31st and for spring enrollment the deadline is June 30th). Claims for payment must include a copy of work performed and additional supporting information as outlined on the FAP Fact Sheet available online at http://www.vermontagriculture.com/ARMES/awq/FAP.html

To be eligible for funding the participant must be in good standing with the Agency of Agriculture regarding regulatory requirements and resulting penalties. Funds are dependent on State allocation and are prioritized and distributed by the Agency. Any land under contract to receive payment for a practice or otherwise currently within a contract lifespan for a practice from any other state or federal program may be ineligible to receive FAP Grant Program payments for the same conservation practice.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Agency from any liability resulting from the use of program funds or from the implementation of these practices. I agree that failure to comply with the terms of this grant agreement or the duplication of any other funding program may result in exclusion from payment of claims and liability for returning the full amount of claims paid. I hereby authorize the NRCS to release information to the Agency concerning the location (including tract and field numbers) and the extent of cropland (including crop history for current year and acreage planted by field listed on this application) to make eligibility determinations. This information will remain privacy protected by the Agency as per a signed agreement between the USDA and the Agency.

Signature _____ Date _____

**2. Educational and Instructional Activities Information**

Description: _____

Target Audience: _____

Learning Materials (please describe or attach necessary documentation): _____