Youth Education

The youth of today are the farmers, educators, scientists, and stewards of tomorrow. NCR-SARE recognizes that youth programs are a way to introduce new and exciting farming and ranching options to youth, parents, and community members.

NCR-SARE Project Sampler

To view SARE’s entire youth portfolio, or just the North Central region’s, visit https://projects.sare.org. For selected NCR-SARE youth education grants, see the reverse side.

A University of Minnesota-Duluth graduate student shared sustainable agriculture principles with pre-service teachers and helped them develop skills to use and share in school gardens/orchards. See https://projects.sare.org and search for project number GNC12-152.

Avalon Housing’s Youth Leadership Program is a year-round internship for teen residents to learn sustainable agricultural practices through the seed-to-market operation of their own small-scale market farm. They also mentor younger residents by engaging them in farm-related education. See https://projects.sare.org and search for project number YENC18-120.

Spark-Y interns gained real world experience supporting sustainable agriculture as they worked to design and build community gardens in Minnesota. See https://projects.sare.org and search for project number YENC18-129.

In Ohio, high school students learned traditional science topics through hands-on aquaponics lessons. This project opened the door for students and faculty to share their findings with the community. See https://projects.sare.org and search for project number YENC13-067.

SARE’s four regional programs and outreach office work to advance – to the whole of American agriculture – innovations that improve profitability, stewardship and quality of life by investing in ground-breaking research and education.
Selected Grants

Professional Development Grants

Soil Health Education Resources for Teachers
Natalie Carroll, Purdue University, Indiana, ENC16-152, $72,701

Building Capacity of Agricultural Educators to Grow Sustainable Food Systems in Iowa
Craig Chase, Iowa State University, Iowa, ENC16-153, $74,742

Graduate Student Grants

Integrating Sustainable Agriculture With K-12 Curriculum through School Garden/Orchards: A Pre-Service Teacher Training
Brian Bluhm, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Minnesota, GNC12-152, $9,987

Farmer Rancher Grants

Increasing the Use of Farm Fresh Food in Institutional Settings by Education Chefs, Youth, and Local Farmers Through Demonstrations, Workshops, and Visual References
Ann Swanson, Hendrick House, Illinois, FNC17-1101, $7,448

Native Youth Plant A Bee Meadow
Joy Persall, Dream of Wild Health, Minnesota, FNC15-1022, $7,500

Professional Development Grants

Teter Farm Camp
MaryEllen St.Angelo, Teter Organic Farm, Indiana, YENC19-143, $4,000

Grow Healthy, Lansing! Nutrition Education in the Edible Schoolyard
Stephanie Onderchanin, Northwest Initiative, Michigan, YENC18-130, $2,000

Ag Arts Partnership for Southwest Iowa
Mary Goettsch, Golden Hills RC&D, Iowa, YENC18-132, $2,000

Sustainable Agriculture Internship Including Study of Compost Nutrient Cycling in Urban Agriculture
Cecelia Watkins, Spark-Y, Minnesota, YENC18-129, $2,000

Avalon Housing’s Youth Leadership Program
Ashley Blake, Avalon Housing, Michigan, YENC18-120, $2,000

Engaging Youth in Sustainable Farming and Benefits of Direct Marketing
Skylar Falter, Buy Fresh Buy Local, Nebraska, YENC17-116, $2,000

Sustainable Beef, Sheep and Swine Production in WI-What is It? and Where Do We Find It?
Jessie Oberlin, Jackson County Livestock Education Committee, Wisconsin, YENC16-102, $1,796

Sustainable Agriculture Youth Workforce Development Program
Kevin Savage, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, Ohio, YENC13-067, $2,000

Sustainable Agriculture: Instruction, Application, and Community Outreach Utilizing Recirculating Aquaponics Systems
Kevin Savage, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, Ohio, YENC13-067, $2,000

Organic Farm to Summer Camp Table: Opportunities for Youth on an Organic Farm
Rachel Levi, EarthDance, Missouri, YENC12-053, $2,000

For information on many more SARE-funded youth education projects, search the SARE project database: https://projects.sare.org.

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