

Livestock Publications Council Student Development Grant Program

The **Livestock Publications Council Student Development Grant Program** is an opportunity to provide financial support to Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) chapters demonstrating leadership and creativity in building professional development programs. The general terms and conditions for awarding these grants are outlined in these materials. Annual grants are considered appropriate for establishing pilot projects and new and innovative program directions. Funding for salaries, direct labor reimbursement, printing of established support materials or equipment for administrative or local service is not considered appropriate. Facilities and administration fees (i.e. overhead or indirect costs) are disallowed.

General Philosophy:

1. To maintain and improve the effectiveness of the core delivery methods of the ACT program at the local level.
2. To direct, when possible, use of private sector funds to increase the availability and quality of the ACT chapter experience.
3. To support ACT programs, which demonstrate the benefits of multi-year opportunities for developing leadership and communication skills.
4. To support program ideas, which could be replicated by other ACT chapters.
5. To stimulate appropriate support from local funding sources *through matching grants.
6. To support ACT program activities, which reinforce positive experiences and recognize outstanding achievement.
7. To provide increased funding for organized ACT program plans.

Purpose:

The Livestock Publications Council will provide mini-grants from the Student Development Fund Grant Program for ACT professional development programming. Applications will be received by the Executive Director of the Livestock Publications Council, for local projects that are part of ACT's objective and purpose.

Guidelines:

1. Awards may vary in total amount; however, no grant request may exceed \$750. Chapters are eligible for one grant annually.
2. Local matching funds are encouraged and considered in the competitive grant process.
3. Awards must be used within 12 months of announcement. Carry-over may not exceed 12 additional months.
4. Unused awards must be returned to the Livestock Publications Council Student Development Fund with the final report.
5. Established projects/activities may not be maintained with the Grant Program. Grants should provide dollars toward new educational projects/activities or substantial program innovations.
6. Successful applications will be informed and announced twice a year. Funds will be available for release according to the timeline.
7. A summary report of how the funds were used and the results of the supported activity must be submitted to the Executive Director of the Livestock Publications Council no later than 30 days following the expenditure of the funds.

8. Only dues-paid National ACT chapters are eligible to receive a Livestock Publications Council Student Development Fund Grant.

Application Procedure:

Please use the following outline for completing the application. The application must **NOT** exceed **ONE** 8.5x11-inch page.

Return to the Executive Director of the Livestock Publications Council. Grant proposals will be considered in October for disbursement the following calendar/ academic year and should be submitted by the September 1.

1. Project Title.
2. Name and contact information of the chapter.
3. Briefly explain the project and specifically what the funds will be used to support. Please note that the request must be consistent with the Grant Program guidelines.
4. Provide a budget of the activity. Indicate amount of local dollar match and source(s).
5. Include signatures of chapter president and chapter advisor.

Mail completed applications to:

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