**OFA Leadership Grant Program**

**History:** On November 1st, 2019 Robin Oberle of Walkerton, Ontario became the proud new owner of a Honda Foreman 500 ATV when his winning ticket was drawn. The announcement and official presentation were made by Patrick Sullivan, Zone Director of the Junior Farmers’ Association of Ontario at the Ontario Young Farmers' Forum held at the Hamilton Convention Centre on November 18th, 2019. The prize was graciously donated to the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and Honda Canada. The 75thAnniversary raffle raised almost $18,000 and all funds will be used exclusively for the leadership development of the membership including board members, executives and JFAO members. The Junior Farmers’ Association of Ontario wishes to thank the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and Honda Canada for their support.

**Eligibility:**  This grant is open to any affiliated JFAO club, JFAO approved committee, JFAO current member. To be eligible, the proposal must provide leadership opportunities towards youth.

A maximum (see below) can be applied for each calendar year:

* $500.00 per club (including interclub proposals)
* $1,000.00 per JFAO committee
* $1,000 per JFAO provincial ran event
* $250 per individual

More funds van be allocated as per the discretion of the board.

**How to Apply:** Clubs that are interested may apply by submitting a written proposal to the President at president@jfao.on.ca. This shall include an explanation of how the funds will be used, how it will benefit the community as well as information for a contact person in the club or JFAO committee. Proposals will be reviewed by the executive at a monthly meeting and a member of the executive will follow up with the club contact. The grant program will continue as long as funds are available, and consideration will be given to sharing it across the province. The executive board holds the authority to approve the full or partial request of the proposal.

**Examples:**

* Food handler certificate
* Leadership entry fee with another organization
* Online leadership course (such as ProDir)

It can take approximately 90 days to approve and process the cheque from the date of the original grant submission.

\*Proposal must be submitted before the event\*

\*Report and picture(s) describing how the money was used, and any receipts by the 15th day of the month following the event\*

Created: Tuesday, May 10th, 2022

Updates: Saturday, August 17th, 2024

**OFA Leadership Grant Proposal**

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| **Club Name** |  | **Date of Request** |  |
| **Club President** |  | **Club Provincial Director** |  |
| **Proposal Contact** |  | **Phone Number and Email** |  |

**Requested Amount:**

**Title of Proposal:**

Justification for request:

* What will the money be directly used for?
* When would the amount be used?
* How will the grant benefit your club?
* How will it provide leadership opportunities for youth?