

Ohio FFA Foundation Accessibility Grants

The Cardinal Ability Endowment supports Ohio FFA members with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the agricultural educators who serve them. Annual earnings from this endowment provide grants that ensure every student has the opportunity to fully participate in and benefit from agricultural education.

Intellectual disability is defined as a person having certain limitations in mental functioning and skills such as communicating, taking care of themselves, and social skills. These limitations would cause a child to learn and develop more slowly than a typical child.

Developmental disability is defined as a person having limitations in function resulting from disorders of the developing nervous system. These limitations manifest as delays in reaching developmental milestones or as lack of function in one or multiple domains, including cognition, motor performance, vision, hearing and speech, and behavior.

Agriculture educators and FFA advisors can apply for \$250 to \$500 to purchase resources, equipment, materials, or provide learning opportunities that enhance accessibility, increase participation, and support the success of Ohio FFA members with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities in agricultural education and FFA. Up to six grants will be available.

Example Uses of Funds

- Reimbursement for an educational aide to support student participation during an FFA trip.
- Rental of accessible transportation for an FFA trip.
- Purchase of adaptive tools, modified equipment, assistive technology, or other accessibility resources that remove barriers and provide students with opportunities to participate in agricultural education coursework, SAE experiences, and FFA activities.

Application Timeline

- October 1, 2026 Application Closes
- October 15, 2026 Applicants are Notified of Award Status

Project Implementation & Reporting

Awarded funds should be spent between October 15, 2026 and July 15, 2027. The final report (<https://forms.gle/pnURRHajKBQrQvuug9>) of how funds are used should be completed no later than 30 days after the funds are spent. Be prepared to submit a student quote and photos to demonstrate student impact.

Apply

The application can be found at <https://ohioffa.org/foundation/programs/chapter-success-grants/> and should be submitted by October 1, 2026.

Questions?

Questions can be directed to Program Manager, Shelby Brown at sbrown@ohioffa.org.