

NATIONAL TEACH AG CAMPAIGN

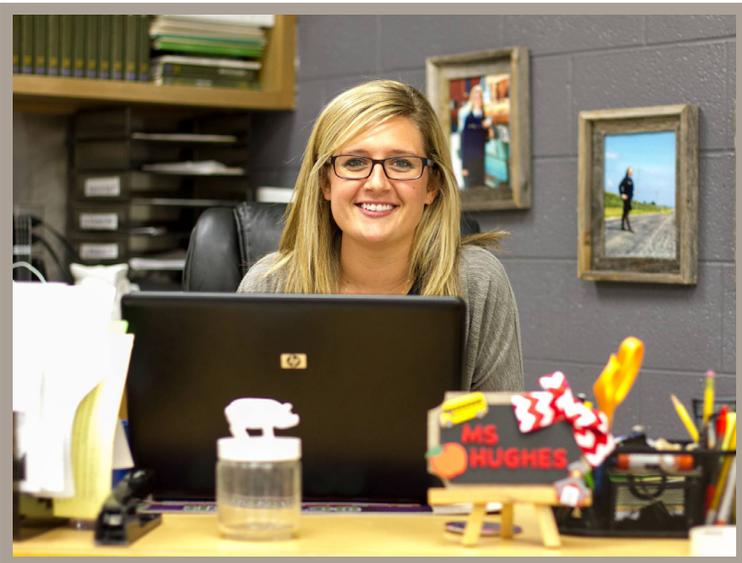
PARENT RESOURCES GUIDE

Is your child interested in pursuing a degree in agricultural education? Do you have questions about their future career choice? This informational guide will help answer the questions you may have about ag education.

AG ED QUICK FACTS

- Average Salary of Ag Teachers in Illinois: \$51,211
- Average Number of Extended Contract Days: 20
- Number of Ag Teachers in Illinois: 391
- Number of Ag Programs in Illinois: 321

**LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 80
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
TEACHERS WERE NEEDED TO FILL
OPEN POSITIONS.**



ADDRESSING THE SHORTAGE:

- ELITE Conference for 125 high school students interested in teaching agriculture.
- GAST Internships to give students authentic teaching experiences while still in high school and post-secondary school.
- TeachAg Luncheon at the Illinois FFA Convention to reunite those with a common career goal.
- SB2975 identifies Agricultural Education as a high-need area and addresses the potential for extending contracts for agriculture instructors.
- Business Partnerships to assist through loan forgiveness for ag ed students.
- PreService Teacher Ag Education Bus Trip to visit top programs in Illinois.

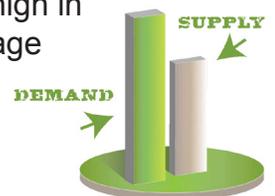


AG ED IN ILLINOIS

- Illinois State University
- Southern Illinois University
- University of Illinois
- Western Illinois University

SUPPLY & DEMAND

Currently, there is a national shortage of agriculture teachers. Each year, hundreds of positions go unfilled, so the demand for quality and diverse agriculture teachers is extremely high in many states. Causes for the shortage are teachers retiring, new positions opening, and graduates accepting positions outside of the classroom.





GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- \$1,000 Student Teaching Mini-Grant
- National Association of Agricultural Educators Upper Division Scholarship
 - Eligibility
 - NAAE Student Member
 - Agricultural Education major
 - Apply the year prior to student-teaching
- National FFA Organization
 - Approximately \$2 million in scholarship money available to FFA members and non-FFA members who are pursuing an agriculture-related degree
 - Applications due annually in February
- Additional resources may be available through:
 - CHS Foundation
 - Agricultural Education department at college
 - State Agricultural Educators' Association
 - State commodity groups
 - Illinois FFA Foundation
 - Illinois Agri-Women

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Need-Based Loans
 - Federal Perkins Loans
 - Federal Direct Subsidized Loans
- Non-Need-Based Loans
 - Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans
 - Federal Direct PLUS Loans
- State Loans
- Private Loans

85% OF TEACHERS ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS, THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTORS.

TEACH AG WEBSITE RESOURCES

Visit the Teach Ag Parent Resources webpage for information about the following:

- Job Demand Resources
- Supply and Demand Resources
- Educational Requirements
- Certification Requirements
- Financial Aid Tools
- Scholarships
- Parent Testimonials

A GROWING CAREER:

Last year 9 new departments were added or restarted in Illinois. An additional 11 programs added an additional teacher to their already existing program.

YOUR EDUCATION DOESN'T END WITH GRADUATION:

- AGED499 Graduate Course for first year teachers
- Teacher Professional Development offered to all teachers
- 37% of our teachers hold a master's degree

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, PLEASE VISIT
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