



2026 Family & Consumer Science Mini-Grant Program

Background:

The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) is offering mini grants to Wisconsin Family & Consumer Science (FCS) teachers to be used for the purchase of pork for classroom/lab experiences.

Each school is eligible for a \$50 grant while funds are available. Districts with multiple schools applying are eligible to receive up to two grants total for the district per semester. Grants are available for spring and fall semesters, however, all recipients must complete an evaluation form upon receipt of funds to be eligible for funding for future semesters.

Criteria:

Wisconsin Pork Association is committed to promoting pork to our world's diverse consumer base. The path to long-term demand growth includes making pork relevant to younger generations. Younger consumers don't know what to do with pork and tend to favor the taste of other proteins. The National Pork Board has conducted extensive research to understand our consumers and meet them where they are. Therefore, we are placing increased emphasis on pork's versatility in flavor, its use as an ingredient, and the nutritional benefits of eating pork.

In 2026, we will give preference to applicants who use the funds to purchase lean cuts of pork (tenderloin, NY pork chop, ribeye pork chop, NY pork roast, porterhouse pork chop, sirloin pork chop, sirloin pork roast, or 96% lean ground pork) **from a local Wisconsin meat processor (where applicable)**. Furthermore, we ask that cooking lessons are accompanied by an education component that focuses on one of our focus areas including nutrition, cooking temperature, and/or versatility of pork as an ingredient.

Resources:

Teachers are encouraged to use the following lesson plans to aid in their curriculum:

- Tasty Pork Appetizers and Sustainable Farming
- Slow Cooking & Sous Vide Methods for Pork Cookery
- Souper Pork: The Basics of Soup
- Tech Savvy with Pork in the Kitchen

The lesson plans are also available at www.wppa.org/lesson-plans.

For additional classroom resources, visit our website at www.wppa.org/educators/.

Application Submission:

The deadline to apply for 2026 funds is **December 1st, 2026**. Please send your completed application to: Wisconsin Pork Association, PO Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813 or e-mail to wppa@wppa.org.

Wisconsin Pork Association 2026 Family & Consumer Science Mini-Grant Application

Instructor/Project Coordinator Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Classroom Information:

School Name: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Email: _____

Number of students for which the grant will be used: _____

Program Information:

Briefly describe how the money will be used: pork cut(s) to be used, methods of preparation and other anticipated class activities.

Which lesson plan(s) do you plan to use for the pork mini grant?

Are there any other resources that would be helpful to you when teaching about pork?

Have you received an FCS pork mini grant from WPA before? Yes _____ No _____ Year: _____

** If you are the recipient of a mini grant, we will ask you to complete a simple evaluation form on how the grant monies were used.

** The check for the grant will be written to the school but mailed to the attention of the FCS teacher.

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