

Monsanto Fund was established in 1964 as the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company. Its mission has always been about meaningful charitable giving, with an emphasis on the communities where our people live and work.

The spirit of Monsanto Fund is embodied by the following principles. We will:

- Demonstrate clarity, equality and integrity in our processes
- Emphasize diversity and inclusion of all people
- Participate actively in the projects we fund
- Listen for understanding to opinions of our collaborators
- Respect the physical, social, spiritual and cultural circumstances of prospective grantees
- Be humbled by and appreciative of our responsibility



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# application process

## Qualifications for Receiving a Grant

1. The organization **must** be a tax-exempt public charity and have a current 501©3 tax letter, which is proof of tax exempt status according to Section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*There are exemptions because certain entities already have a tax-exempt status and proof is not necessary. These would include governmental instrumentalities, such as public hospitals, public schools, libraries, villages and municipalities.*

2. The proposed project must fit within one of the previously described Monsanto Fund focus areas: Nutritional Improvement Through Agriculture, Healthy Environment, Science Education and Our Communities.
3. Each grant request may **not** exceed \$20,000.
4. The non-profit seeking funding must be experienced, established and reputable.
5. The non-profit must be financially sound. Proof of most current audit is necessary for requests over \$10,000.
6. Monsanto Fund cannot provide grants for:
  - Individual aid or personal support
  - Underwriting deficits
  - Fraternal, labor or veterans organizations, unless the project benefits the general public
  - Benefits, dinner, advertisements
  - Religious, politically partisan, or similar groups
  - Endowments
  - Activities that directly support marketing programs
  - Projects in which Monsanto Company has financial interest or could derive a financial benefit through cash or rights to intellectual property
  - Organizations which discriminate based on race, creed, ethnicity, religion, sex, age or origin

## Application Procedure

Please observe the following when preparing the application:

- It may not exceed five pages, double-spaced and single-sided.
- If you are a not for profit, please attach proof of tax-exempt status (a 501(c) 3 letter). If you are a school, municipality, library or public hospital, this proof is not necessary. This attachment is not considered part of the application; it is an addition to the content of the application.
- Please use white, 8.5 x 11 paper with a font size no smaller than 12 points.
- Please number the pages.
- Do not place in a folder or binder.
- Email applications **ARE acceptable**, faxed applications **ARE NOT acceptable**.
- Only the written content will be acceptable. Please do not send any additional materials.
- Application should be sent to the **local Monsanto site manager** no later than May 1.

Please include the following in the body of the application:

- Name and mission of organization
- Description of project
- Estimated budget for the total project and amount of grant request
- Methods for evaluating results
- Recognition opportunities for the grant (local/regional publicity, etc.)
- Contact name, phone, mailing address, Email (if available)
- Monsanto contact recommending project
- Monsanto site location and manager

## Monsanto Fund

Contributions Guidelines



US Seed Production, Breeding, and Technology



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Maintaining the health of our earth and finding ways to improve the health and well-being of all her people is increasingly dependent on an understanding of science and applying this knowledge to solving the world's problems.

This is not a minor issue: more than six billion people live on our small planet. About 10 percent of those—777 million according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization—are undernourished, a condition linked to poverty, education, and other essential factors of development.

While there is general recognition that understanding and prudent application of science is key to our planet's future, in a worldwide comparison of the mathematics and science achievements of fourth graders, the U.S. ranked only 12th among 25 countries participating.\* This is of concern because science education gives people not only a basic understanding of today's most important issues, but also enhances their reasoning and critical thinking skills.

Monsanto Fund seeks to improve the earth's ecosystem—including clean water, productive land and thriving biodiversity—and the well-being of her people by supporting projects in four primary areas: Nutritional Improvement Through Agriculture, Healthy Environment, Science Education and Our Communities. Here are some specifics:

\*The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2003 carried out by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), an international organization of national research institutions and governmental research agencies.

# focus areas

Centralia, IL

Clarion, IA

Taylorville, IL

Crawfordsville, AK



nutrition

education

environment

community

## Nutritional Improvement Through Agriculture

The Monsanto Fund is dedicated to improving nutritional well-being through projects rooted in agriculture. We pursue our work through partnerships and collaborations with research institutions, governments, and local, national, and international NGO's, including:

- Training families in sustainable agriculture techniques.
- Improving education and good nutrition through school gardens, nutrition education, and agricultural training.
- Enhancing the nutritional value, and reducing the impacts of pests and viruses, to subsistence crops.

## Healthy Environment

Monsanto Fund is dedicated to environmental education and conservation of natural resources so they will continue to be available to our generation and those to come. Our areas of interest include:

- Building environmental awareness through education.
- Conservation and preservation projects.
- Enhancing water quality and wildlife habitat by improving agricultural practices.

## Science Education

Monsanto believes that the more young people understand about science, the more they will be able to affect the quality of their lives in the years ahead. We are particularly interested in:

- Professional development for teachers.
- Creative and innovative science education programs for K-12. This includes programs offered by science centers, community-based organizations or other informal educational institutions.
- Science outreach programs in the community.
- Science resource materials and equipment.
- Collaboration in science literacy.

## Our Communities

Monsanto is committed to being part of and giving back to the communities where our businesses operate and our people live. Because each community has very particular needs and opportunities, Monsanto Fund works in partnership with local Monsanto people to ensure that our contributions meet community needs. Some examples are:

- Education
- Arts education/experiences for disadvantaged children.
- Human needs/services.
- Social welfare support primarily through donations to local United Ways.
- Ag safety for young people.
- Support of local police and fire departments.

In the U.S., each Monsanto community sets their own priorities within the above areas of interest. Please check with the local Monsanto site before submitting a proposal.