

The Charles B. Shuman Fund

The *Charles B. Shuman Fund* was established to honor the memory of a respected leader, to recognize his contributions, and to support the types of programs and activities that reflect his values and beliefs.

Through scholarships and grants, the Fund seeks to strengthen farming, agriculture, and rural communities and support education, research, and leadership development activities that promote choices in agricultural production and marketing.

Charles B. Shuman Graduate Student Research Grants

Financial support up to \$3,000 is available for graduate students whose studies, research, or thesis topics are related to one of the following: agricultural policy; agricultural marketing infrastructure; domestic and international trade of agricultural products; seed technology issue, agricultural production and management practices.

Charles B. Shuman Leadership Development and Farm Policy Grants

Financial support up to \$5,000 is available to individuals, groups and organizations to develop local, regional, and national agricultural leaders. Also, grants are available for work that creates and implements agricultural policies that assures management choices for farmers and long-term profitability of independent agricultural producers in a free market production system. Areas that may qualify for a grants include: improving leadership skills and increasing knowledge of agricultural issues; implementing strategies that increase available free market management choices that will be profitable for family farms; building coalitions that will work to enhance the long-lasting viability and prosperity of the family farm; developing economic opportunities for farmers and rural communities; and improving the quality of life in the rural community.

Grant Application Guidelines

An application form is not required. Proposals should be made in letter form and should include the following information:

1. A description and timeline of the proposed project, activity, or cause and how the request will fulfill the interests of the *Fund*
2. A description of how results will be measured and reported
3. The budget, including expenses and income, for the proposed activity or project
4. A brief letter of support from their County Farm Bureau president
5. Organizations must provide evidence of tax-exempt status and proof they are not a private foundation. Include staffing and governing board, statement of the organization's purpose, programs, and accomplishments and a financial statement

Grant proposals are accepted during the following periods:

March 1-June 1 Submittal for review and notification of funding decision in July

September 1-December 1 Submittal for review and notification of funding in January

All written grant inquiries and full proposals should be directed to *Charles B. Shuman Fund*, The IAA Foundation, 1701 N. Towanda Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701 or iaafoundation@ilfb.org

