

# **The Iowa 2004 Youth Sustainable Agriculture Program**

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The North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program  
(SARE) and Iowa State University Extension**

*Purpose:* The purpose of the program is to provide creative and exciting opportunities for Iowa youth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (as of 2004) to increase their knowledge and interest in sustainable agriculture. This may involve studies, demonstrations, or simple research on farms or in towns, in gardens, with livestock, natural resources (soil, water, wildlife, trees, air) etc. The project should be completed by late 2004.

*Support Level:* Each project that is funded will be supported at \$250. Money can be used for program materials, supplies, labor, references etc.

## **Sustainable Agriculture Project Outline**

*(Due: June 1, 2004)*

### **Page 1 (cover)**

Title of Project

Student's name (and mailing address, telephone and/or e-mail)

Sponsor's name (teacher, parent, etc.)

Certification (signatures) required of:

- Student
- Parent/guardian
- Other: teacher, mentor, 4-H leader, advisor etc. (if assisting)

### **Page 2**

Short summary of the proposed project ( maximum one page double spaced)

*In general, what will you do? Why and how?*

### **Page 3**

Questions to be answered:

1. What topic or issue in sustainable agriculture do you want to address? (50 words or 1/4 page)
2. Why are you interested in this sustainable agriculture topic? (50 words or 1/4 page)
3. How would this project enhance your education or future plans? (50 words or 1/4 page)
4. Are there individuals who can help you accomplish your proposal goals? How? (50 words or 1/4 page)

### **Page 4**

Outline your project on sustainable agriculture – include a time line and possible action steps or activities (one page, double spaced)

## **Review Process**

Each project will be reviewed by a state committee and up to 10 projects will be selected for funding by June 2, 2004. All applicants will be notified of results by June 5, 2004.

## Project Expectations

Participants who are selected for funding will be asked to provide a one-page summary report to Iowa State University Extension (by December 31, 2004) of their project activities, lessons learned, conclusions etc.

## Application Process

The completed 4-page application may be mailed, e-mailed, hand-delivered or faxed to the address below. The deadline for receiving the proposal is 5:00pm, June 1, 2004.

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