

Why a Farm to School Entrepreneur Award?

Farm to School is the nationwide movement to connect classrooms and cafeterias with communities and farms in order to improve school **nutrition** and foster students' ability to make healthy, environmentally-conscious food **choices**. In Addison County, we lead the nation in Farm to School programming!

At the third and final **Stone Soup Summit**, which celebrates Farm to School in Addison County, ACORN wants to focus on **students** who are driving the conversation and the **action** forward.

The Farm to School Entrepreneur Awards will **recognize** students who have a business or a plan for promoting agricultural careers and Farm to School values at their own schools.

**Due Date for Submissions:
March 20, 2012**

**Stone Soup Summit:
April 3, 2012
4-7 PM**

Vergennes Union High School

Stone Soup aims to bring together parents, students, teachers, foodservice directors, farmers, and school administrators to network and plan next steps for Farm to School in Addison County. Featuring guest speakers, workshops, networking sessions, and a local meal. Look for more details coming soon!

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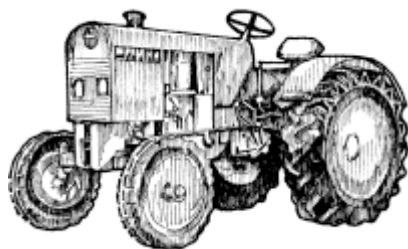
***Social and Business
Entrepreneurs in 7-12 grade in
Addison County:***

***Pitch us
YOUR ideas
to win!***



***A project of
Stone Soup,
Addison County's
Farm to School Summit***

Share your Farm to School Project or Ag Business and Get Recognized!



Eligible Students:

- Are in 7-12 grade
- Go to public or private school in Addison County
- Have completed a project in the past year (2011), or will take steps towards completing a project by the due date (March 20)
- Can apply individually or in groups of 2-4 students
- Plan to attend Stone Soup after school on **April 3, 2012** at **VUHS**

Awards in each category (4 cash awards total):

First Place:

\$150 and featured at Stone Soup

Second Place:

\$50 and featured at Stone Soup

Honorable mentions:

Featured at Stone Soup

*Panel of judges includes teachers, farmers, & foodservice staff.
All applicants receive certificate of participation from ACORN Network.*

Social & Business

Students can apply in one of two categories:

Business Entrepreneur

Examples: Starting a sugaring business; Maintaining own garden as a business; Selling goods at a farmers' market

The business enterprise:

- Produces or hopes to produce high quality local food
- Was started by student; or the student has a role with lots of responsibility
- Is thoughtful about addressing a need in the community
- Has high likelihood of success
- May or may not sell to schools
- May or may not have made money



Social Entrepreneur

Examples: A poster campaign about Local Food; Taking steps toward composting at school; Interviewing local farmers for school newspaper article

The project:

- Fits the theme of Farm to School (related to local food, farming, gardening, and/or nutrition)
- Is the student(s)' own work
- Is thoughtful about addressing a need at the school
- Has had or is likely to have a positive effect on the school community

How to Apply



STUDENTS:

1) Think about what you've already accomplished that fits the criteria, and what you might do before the middle of March to set a plan in motion. Your project **does not have to be "complete"**: our distinguished judges will consider a project's **potential!**

2) Go online to

www.ACORNVt.org

to read the application and see examples of projects. You can also ask your teacher for a sheet with examples.

3) Gather a few photos that represent your work. Type your application out before entering it into the online form.

4) Submit the application online by Tuesday, **March 20, 2012**. We'll notify you by the following Tuesday whether your project will be featured the *next* Tuesday (April 3) at the **Stone Soup Summit!**

TEACHERS:

Thank you for supporting the ACORN Farm to School Entrepreneur Awards!

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