

FORAGE AND GRASSLAND FOUNDATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2020 Funding Cycle

This request for proposals outlines the criteria that the Forage and Grassland Foundation Board (FGFB) will use when reviewing applications. A top funding priority will continue to be the International Grassland Congress (especially travel funds) and the John Baylor Memorial Scholarship. Additional yearly funding will be based on the criteria below (listed in no particular order). Proposals for 2020 are due by April 30, 2020 with fund disbursement before July 31, 2020. Send proposals to the 2020 Foundation President Brett Rushing (BRushing@pss.msstate.edu) and copy our Foundation Secretary Ray Smith (raysmith1@uky.edu).

Factors that Should Enhance the Likelihood of Approval

- *Well deserving undergraduate students applying for the John Baylor Memorial Scholarship fund.
- *Uniqueness and/or critical importance of a project.
- *Wide geographical application within the United States and/or within other countries.
- *Likelihood that the funds provided will be matched by some other organization.
- *Likelihood that some or all of the funds will eventually be reimbursed to the Forage and Grassland Foundation.
- *Positive reflection on forage and grassland production and/or on forage and grassland workers within the United States.
- *Benefit to the American Forage and Grassland Council and/or its programs and activities.
- *Support and/or encouragement of other organizations that promise to benefit domestic and/or international forage/livestock agriculture.
- *Enhancement of educational efforts pertaining to forage and grasslands.
- *The project or activity increases awareness of the value and importance of forages or forage-livestock production, especially among people who are in positions to help forage-related issues or projects.

Factors that Should Reduce the Likelihood of Approval

- *Setting of a bad precedent of any type.
- *The project or activity will provide significant benefit to one or more for-profit organizations, thus providing them an advantage as compared to similar organizations.
- *The proposal involves support of agronomic research.
- *Though research is obviously important, the Board is of the opinion that this is not the primary purpose of the Foundation.
- *The proposal should be funded by some other organization.
- *The desired result of the project or activity would likely occur with or without funding from the Foundation.