The deadline is fast approaching for local school districts to compete for a grant of up to $25,000 through America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

The more farmers who nominate a school district, the more it demonstrates community support and strengthens the school district's application. Nominations will be accepted until April 15. School administrators have until April 30 to submit their applications.

"We are dedicated to improving education in our farming communities," said Deborah Patterson, Monsanto Fund president. "Working together with farmers and rural school districts, we are providing resources necessary to accelerate math and science learning—inspiring the students of today to become the leaders and innovators of tomorrow."

Grow Rural Education grants will be awarded based on merit, need and community support. The America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council, a group of 30 agricultural leaders from across the country, will review and select the winning grant applications.

Advisory Council members were selected based on their passion for farming and education, as well as experience in rural school districts.

Eligible farmers can nominate their favorite public school district by visiting www.GrowRuralEducation.com and following the "Nominate Now" link on the top, left-hand corner of the page.

Farmers may also nominate a school district by calling 1-877-267-3332. School administrators are encouraged to use the website as well, which is equipped with tools to answer specific questions about the program, assists with the application writing process and offers personalized assistance.