

The Eco-Green Program:

A STEM Education Partnership Between the National Wildlife Federation and General Motors



2020-2021 Application

How does the Eco-Green Program work?

The goal of this partnership is to develop a global network of school communities that are visioning and working towards a healthy and sustainable future. We focus on engaging students in authentic, integrated learning experiences that prepares them for STEM careers while making a positive contribution within their communities.

Recognizing the challenges presented by COVID in the 2020-2021 school year we will be working to meet you and your students where you are at. If you are on campus and can continue your Eco-Green work at school, the format will remain the same as last year. If you are fully remote or working with a hybrid model, we will be moving the Eco-Green program to a virtual format and will be looking to support your school with our [Eco-Schools at Home](#) programming and resources. All educator and mentor trainings and collaborative meetings will be virtual.

Participation includes a \$300 renewable grant and a GM mentor in STEM careers who support students to complete an Eco-Schools USA project. In the Eco-Schools program, K-12 schools use the [seven step framework](#) to observe the environment, decide on a course of action, take local action to improve the environment, and share their sustainable efforts to the larger community. For each of the seven steps you will need to document your actions and record your progress through photos or video and written text. You will be required to upload documentation– **once at the beginning of the campaign and once at the end.** For the final step, you must log your metrics on your school's Eco-Schools USA profile page, and then apply for your award!





If my school participates in the Eco-Green Program, what are we required to do?

- _____ Register your school on the [Eco-Schools website](#).
- _____ Determine your team (2 minimum) and fill out attached application and provide signatures.
- _____ Participate in a virtual collaborative planning session with your local GM Mentor and NWF..
- _____ Commit to 2-3 virtual check in meetings with NWF and GM Mentor.
- _____ Attend a two-hour virtual educator training.
- _____ Implement the Eco-Schools or [Eco-Schools at Home](#) program.
- _____ Document your progress through stories, photos, videos, and social media.
- _____ If on campus, collect metrics and document on your Eco-Schools profile page.
- _____ If utilizing Eco-Schools at Home, collect student actions and apply for certification.
- _____ If applicable, and working on campus - apply for an Eco-Schools award.
- _____ Complete a post-survey at end of program to document achievements.
- _____ Option to attend webinars led by GM engineers, participating schools, and NWF.

What are the benefits of participation?

- Resource students to affect positive environmental change in their communities.
- \$300 in seed grant money to support Eco-Schools at school or at home program
- Option to highlight your school's achievements in local press.
- Build STEM-based relationships with your local GM mentor
- Connect with schools all over the world, and learn from their achievements.
- Apply for an Eco-Schools USA Award or Eco-Schools at home certification and earn international recognition.

How does the grant payment work?

- Your school will receive seed grant checks when we have received your application, W9, register as an Eco-School and attended the webinars.



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Application and Release Form 2020- 2021 School Year

Contact Information

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Project Lead 1 Name: _____ Title: _____

Project Lead 1 Email: _____ Phone Number:

Project Lead 2 Name: _____ Title: _____

Project Lead 2 Email: _____ Phone Number:

Grade Level(s): _____ #of Teachers participating: _____ # of Students participating:

What (if any) other groups are you already working with on any existing green school program? _____.

What days and timeframes are best for scheduling 30 min check in calls between your team and your mentor:

Term: This program is scheduled to be implemented during the end of the 2020-2022 school year. All metrics must be entered on the Eco-Schools USA dashboard by end of **May 2021** and the educator feedback survey must be completed.

The parties below acknowledge participation in the Eco-Green Program as of this date:_____

School Contact:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

School Principal:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Return completed form with all required signatures and the W9 form by filling out the form digitally or printed out and email to

Once your application is reviewed and accepted we will contact you