

# The Eco-Green Program: A STEM Education Partnership Between the National Wildlife Federation and General Motors



## 2020-2021 Application

### Returning Participants

Last spring and this fall we have all had to deal with some big changes and challenges, but we are excited that you are interested in continuing your participation in the Eco-Green program. We value your continued involvement and the contributions you are making to the field of sustainability education.

### How will the Eco-Green Program work this year?

As in prior years, the goal of this partnership is to develop a global network of school communities that are actively envisioning and working towards a healthy and sustainable future. The focus of this program is on engaging students in authentic, integrated learning experiences that prepares them for STEM careers while making positive contributions in 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.**

To support this work, schools will receive a **\$300 seed grant** to enhance your grant from last year. You will also receive support from your GM mentor team, and implementation assistance, resources and programming from the National Wildlife Federation. Grants can be used to support on campus work or supplies for Eco-Schools at Home programming. Please read and respond to the questions and sign to confirm your participation for the 2020-2021 school year.





If my school agrees to participate in the Eco-Green Program we will be responsible for the following (please check each to confirm your commitment to the program).

- \_\_\_\_\_ If not already registered, register your school on the [Eco-Schools website](#).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fill out attached grant questions and application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**How does the grant payment work?**

Your school will receive the \$300 seed grant when we have received your application, W-9's (if different from last year), have registered as an Eco-Schools and have connected with your GM Mentor and developed a plan of action.





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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 programs?

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What were your accomplishments in the 2019-2020 school year prior to school closings?

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Were you able to utilize the \$700 grant last year? If so, how? If not, how do you plan to utilize it moving forward?

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What is the status of your school learning? In person? At home? Hybrid? Other?

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

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**Term:** This program is scheduled to be implemented during the 2020-2021 school year. All metrics must be entered on the Eco-Schools USA dashboard or earned Eco-Schools at Home certification by the end of **May 2021**.

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

**School Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form with required signature and email to [singh@nwf.org](mailto:singh@nwf.org).

**Once your application is reviewed and accepted we will contact you about next steps.**

Questions? Contact  
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