

# The Eco-Green Program:

A STEM and Climate Equity Education Partnership  
National Wildlife Federation and General Motors



## 2021-2022 Application

### How does the Eco-Green Program work?

In the Eco-Schools USA program, K-12 schools use the [seven-step](#) framework by forming an eco-action team, conducting an audit, creating a plan, collecting data, and sharing their work with the school and greater community. By following the steps, students think creatively and critically about environmental and sustainability challenges at their school and develop place-based solutions. As students implement their plans, progress is measured, helping them gain recognition with [schoolwide awards](#). This year we will be focusing on climate change and climate equity. The learning and action taken by you and your students will need to have a climate change focus. NWF will support this through a series of professional development learning sessions for you and your students. Participation includes a **\$500 grant** to complete an Eco-Schools USA action project with support from NWF and a GM mentor. As well, participating educator(s) will receive a **\$250 teacher stipend**.

For your project 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—at the end of the campaign. For the final step, you must log your metrics on your school's Eco-Schools USA profile page and then if you desire, apply for your award!

The goal of this partnership is to develop a global network of school communities that are visioning and working towards a sustainable future by managing and mitigating the impacts of climate change. 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 2021-2022 school year, we will be working to meet you and your students where you are at. If you are on campus you can conduct your Eco-Green work at school. If you are fully remote or working with a hybrid model, we can work with you virtually and will support you with our [Eco-Schools at Home](#) programming and resources. All educator and mentor trainings and collaborative meetings will be virtual.**





## 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Strongly encouraged 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.
- \$500 in seed grant money to support Eco-Schools at school or at home program per school.
- \$250 teacher stipend per school.
- Option to highlight your school's achievements in local press.
- Build STEM-based and climate equity relationships with your local GM mentor
- Connect with schools from around 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 and stipend payment work?**

Your school will receive the \$500 seed grant when we have received your application, you have attended the two-hour educator training, and have met virtually with NWF and your GM mentor to create a plan of action. To receive your grant, we must have a W-9 from your school (attached). To receive your \$250 stipend, we will need an individual W-9 form from each participating educator.



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**Application and Release Form 2021- 2022 School Year**

**Contact Information**

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

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Lead 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Lead 1 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number:

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Project Lead 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Lead 2 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number:

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Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_ #of Teachers participating: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Students participating:

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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:

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**Grant Questions**

1. Have you already started implementing sustainability-focused project-based learning program at your school? (circle one)    No  
Yes

If yes, what have you accomplished to date? Have you addressed Climate Change and if so please tell us more.

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2. Do you have initial ideas on how you would like to utilize the GM seed grant funding? Please provide us with a brief overview and include how you plan to involve your students and what the funding will cover (please use additional pages if needed).

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**Term:** This program is scheduled to be implemented during the 2021-2022 school year. All metrics must be entered on the Eco-Schools USA dashboard by end of **May 2022** and the educator feedback survey which will include stories of your projects 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 [singh@nwf.org](mailto:singh@nwf.org)

**Once your application is reviewed and accepted we will contact you!**

