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## **2016-2017 Eco-Schools \$500 Sustainability Mini-Grant Application**

Walking Mountains Science Center is providing \$500 mini-grants for Eagle Valley schools that commit to earning a Bronze, Silver, or Green Flag award for any of the Eco-Schools ten sustainability pathways. This money can be used to support the Eco-Schools program at the recipient's K-12 school. For example, funds can be used to purchase tools or resources, to help implement a specific action, or to provide funds for a field trip. All or a portion of the money may be used to compensate staff for planning and instructional time for the Eco-Schools program.

Funds will be disbursed upon receipt of a successful Eco-Schools application including registration on the Eco-Schools website. For more information please review the information below and at the Eco-Schools Awards webpage: <http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA/Become-an-Eco-School/Awards.aspx>

Visit <http://www.walkingmountains.org/es> for more information.

## Eco-Schools \$500 Mini-Grant Application for 2016-2017

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

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Eco-Team Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

How frequently will your Eco-Action Team meet? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your goal for Eco-Schools this year? For example, which level of Eco-Schools Award and which Pathways to you plan to pursue with students? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How will you use your \$500 mini-grant award? Check those that apply:

- Compensation for planning & instructional time
- Team meeting supplies: snacks, paper, markers, laminating materials
- Energy saving/monitoring: thermometers, light and Kilowatt meters, LEDs, power strips, timers, light sensors etc.
- Field trips or guest speakers
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Eco-Schools Statement of Commitment

I agree to complete the "Eco-Schools Mini-Grant Requirements" on the following page to receive \$500 from Walking Mountains Science Center to support the Eco-Schools program at my school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return application to Kim Langmaid at [kiml@walkingmountains.org](mailto:kiml@walkingmountains.org) by Sept. 30, 2016

## Eco-Schools \$500 Energy Mini-Grant Requirements

	Task	Deadline
1.	Complete the <i>Eco-Schools Mini-Grant Application &amp; Statement of Commitment</i> to be the Eco-Schools Champion at your school for the 2016-2017 school year.	Friday, September 30, 2016
3.	Register/Update to become an Eco-School online at <a href="http://www.nwf.org/EcoSchools/Register.aspx">http://www.nwf.org/EcoSchools/Register.aspx</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update profile information</li> <li>• Complete “Edit Goals, Achievements, Photos, and Videos” page</li> <li>• Apply for a “Bronze, Silver, or Green Flag” Award</li> </ul>	Friday, September 30, 2016 (concurrent w/ application)
4.	Update your school’s Eco-Schools web page and the shared Eco-Schools Google doc from WMSC. *Estimated time is 10 minutes per month	Monthly
6.	Complete tasks to earn your school’s Eco-Schools Award (Bronze, Silver, or Green Flag) For example, see Bronze award criteria on following page for details or go to <a href="http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA/Become-an-Eco-School/Awards.aspx">http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA/Become-an-Eco-School/Awards.aspx</a>	Monday April 30, 2017
7.	Complete end-of-year mini-grant report (via shared Google doc) to WMSC including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• student contact hours &amp; planning time</li> <li>• expense report of how funds were spent &amp; receipts</li> <li>• a photo &amp; testimonial quote about your experience that can be shared with the community</li> </ul>	Friday May 5, 2017
8.	Celebrate your success! WMSC will help get the word out about your Eco-Schools award. WMSC will write a story for the local newspaper and share news through social media, website, and e-newsletter channels.	May – June 2017

## **Eco-Schools Bronze Award Criteria**

To receive a Bronze Award, you need to earn 100 points. The actions noted below must be taken for each of the Seven Steps as follows:

### **Eco-Action Team (15 points total)**

- Identify an Eco-Action Team composed of a diverse group of teachers and students. (5 pts.)
- Team meets at least 4 times a year and keeps minutes at each meeting. (5 points)
- The group informs the whole school of committee discussions and actions. (5 points)

### **Environmental Audit (20 points total)**

- Conduct an energy audit of the school. Schools may develop their own criteria or use the Eco-Schools USA template. (5 points)
- Students are involved in conducting the audit. (5 points)
- Audit results are shared with the whole school. (5 points)
- We recommend that you conduct an audit annually to measure your progress. However, for this award level, you need only complete it once. (5 points)

### **Eco-Action Plan (15 points total)**

- Results from the Energy Audit are used to create a basic action plan. (5 points)
- The Eco-Action Plan is shared with the whole school community. (5 points)
- The Eco-Action Plan is used to take some level of action at the school to reduce energy use. (5 points)

### **Monitoring and Evaluation (20 points total)**

- Eco-Action Team identifies and monitors progress towards achieving the actions stated in the Eco-Action Plan. (5 points)
- Successes and challenges are noted in meeting minutes. (5 points)
- Energy data is entered on the award application. (10 points)

### **Linking to the Curriculum (10 points total)**

- Students have an opportunity at most grade levels and across disciplines to integrate environmental issues into the classroom, on the school site or in the local community. (10 points)

### **Informing the Community (10 points total)**

- The school has a prominent, designated way to communicate with the whole school and greater community such as a bulletin board, website or newsletter which details Eco-Schools USA activities. (10 points)

### **Eco-Code (10 points total)**

- The school develops an Eco-Code with input from the whole school. The code is agreed upon and adopted by the school. (10 points)