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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 10 sustainability pathways. This money can be used in whatever way the applicant deems necessary to support the Eco-Schools program at the recipient's 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 in two installments. Recipients will receive \$250 after application approval and completion of the Eco-Schools Orientation Workshop in late September. The second \$250 will be disbursed after recipient completes the mid-year report in mid-January.

**See 'Eco-Schools Mini-grant Requirements' on the following pages.**

Visit [www.walkingmountains.org/es](http://www.walkingmountains.org/es) for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

How will you use your funds? Check those that apply:

- Compensation for planning & instructional time
- Team meeting supplies: snacks, paper, markers, laminating materials
- Energy monitoring tools: thermometers, light meters, Kilowatt meters
- Energy saving technology: LEDs, power strips, timers, light sensors
- Prizes for energy conserving competitions
- Field trips
- 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.

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Please return to Kim Langmaid, [kiml@walkingmountains.org](mailto:kiml@walkingmountains.org),  
Walking Mountains Science Center

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

	Task	When
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 24, 2016
2.	Attend WMSC Eco-Schools 2 hr. orientation workshop after school on Tuesday, September 27th, 2016, 4pm-6pm (Dinner provided).	September 2016
3.	Register 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> *Can be started at the September Orientation Workshop	By October 3, 2016
4.	Update your school’s Eco-Schools web page. *Estimated time is 10 minutes per month	Monthly
5.	Attend WMSC Eco-Schools 2 hr. workshop to collaborate with other Eco-Schools leaders. Tuesday, January 31, 2017 4pm-6pm (Dinner provided).	January 2017
6.	Complete tasks to earn the minimum of a Bronze (or Silver if Bronze is already complete) Eco-Schools Award with a focus on <i>Energy</i> . See Bronze award criteria on following page for details.	By end of April 2017
7.	Complete mid-year and end-of-year reports provided by 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>	January 14, 2017  May 5, 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)