



HAMPTON ROADS SCHOOL TEACHERS (K –12) ARE ELIGIBLE

The Hampton Roads Environmental Education Teams (HRWET, HR STORM and HR CLEAN) offer competitive classroom scholarships of up to \$250 during each academic school year. The scholarships are intended to provide supplemental funding for environmentally-related projects. The scholarship may fund the entire project, or be used to supplement a project that requires more funding than is available from the school.

All school teachers (K--12) in the Hampton Roads region are eligible. All projects should be specifically tied to litter prevention, waste minimization and recycling or beautification, or water conservation, pollution prevention and or efficiency as it relates to topics such as:

- Reducing waste at the source or properties of the waste stream
- Water distribution or conservation
- The life cycle of products and packaging
- The properties of water and the water cycle
- Integrated waste management including recycling methods
- Stormwater Management (Pollution prevention)
- The economic and social impacts of litter and pollution
- Coastal ecology and habitat research
- Waste or water audits at school or home
- Ways to reduce soil erosion and chemical runoff in storm water

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the application form and fax or mail it to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, 723 Woodlake Drive Chesapeake, Virginia 23320, fax: (757) 523-4881. The form

may be printed from our web site. You may complete and submit the form online, however, you will need to mail or fax a copy of the completed signature page (submitting teacher and principal) before your application can be considered for approval.

WHAT TO DO

List the instructional objectives and supporting activities to show how the scholarship will help you accomplish your project's goal. We encourage projects that are new to you and to your school. Include a complete itemized budget for known and anticipated expenses up to \$250. If the total project cost exceeds \$250, consider supplementing the award money with donated materials or services, or using the award money in addition to your school's regular budget.

There is no deadline for applications. Applications are accepted year round as long as funding is available. Applications submitted by the 15th of each month will be responded to by the 15th of the following month.

Your principal must review and sign the application before it is submitted.

BE CREATIVE

Some possible activities to consider:

- Create a school newspaper or poster contest promoting minimizing waste.
- Conduct a school water conservation, recycling or stormwater audit
- Develop a detailed outdoor nature trail, stormwater-wise or water-wise garden on your school grounds with signage detailing environmental efforts
- Develop a recycling center or composting area on your school grounds.
- Hold a storm water awareness, waste or water conservation awareness day or fair.
- Research the history of solid waste practices in Hampton Roads and develop awareness.
- Interview local watermen on the livelihoods on the water and how it has changed over time.
- Visit local Hampton Roads facilities: steam plants; refuse derived fuel plants, recycling facilities, etc. to learn and report on the trails of your trash and treasures.
- Conduct a litter free school event.
- Study the habitat of stormwater ponds and the route water takes from school grounds to the Chesapeake Bay or other body of water.
- Study marine life that exists in the nearest creek or body of water and compare it to the state wildlife list, or what affects litter and pollution can have, or the effects of algae booms.

- Photo journalism: a day in the life of a local watershed, the water cycle and or local pollution clean up events.
- Grow and study wildlife/habitats usually effected by pollution for a local water protection project. For example: underwater grasses.
- Purchase additional curriculum materials to support a classroom project related to water conservation, waste minimization or litter prevention, pollution or stormwater management.
- Beautify the entrance or front of the school with a cleanup and water wise landscape.
- Write or develop an educational play or other interactive theatrical production to teach water quality, water conservation, and waste reduction or litter or pollution prevention.
- Coastal habitat and watershed restoration research.
- Conduct a litter cleanup campaign on the campus.
- Map school grounds and study stormwater runoff effects (pollution) with and without BMPs

AWARD PROCEDURE

Applications submitted by the 15th of each month will be reviewed and responded to by the 15th of the following month. You will receive notification via a letter. If your application is approved, you will receive your scholarship along with your acceptance letter.

Important: Accepting a classroom scholarship award indicates your understanding that you will complete and submit the project summary form upon completion of your class's project. Photos are also welcome. Your class will be recognized on our web site.

Please direct further questions to:

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Classroom Scholarship Application

Please read all questions before responding. Use only the space provided. Applications must be legible and completed in full.

Project Title:

Amount Requested:

Teacher's Name:

School Name & Complete Address:

School Telephone No.

School Tax ID# (required for reporting any money awarded):

Class/Subject/Grade Level:

Number of school children Involved in project:

Summary of proposal:

Objectives and supporting activities:

Please provide a detailed breakdown of your project's budget:

Please Note: If the award does not cover the entire cost of your project, you will need to arrange for additional funding.



Signature Form

Project Title

Amount Requested

Teacher's Name

By affixing my signature, I certify the following:

All information contained in this application is correct.

I have reviewed the proposal with my school principal.

As a condition of accepting the scholarship money, I understand that I will be required to complete and submit the project summary form upon completion of my class's project. The anticipated completion date of this project is _____. I will submit a summary report within 14 days of completion.

I grant HRCLEAN, HRWET, HRSTORM the right to use this proposal and the results of this project, if funded, for public information.

Your Signature

Date

Principal's Signature (indicates awareness)

Date



Project Summary Form

Project Title:

School and Teacher's Name:

Project Summary:

How did the project meet your class's objectives?

How can you relate the project to the Virginia Standards of Learning?