



January 2024

Dear Educator:

Since 2002, the Eastern New York Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA) has awarded over \$181,860 in 358 grants to motivated teachers and students in our area. In 2023, 15 qualifying projects received grants up to \$750 per school for a total of \$10,240. Additional information can be found at our web site:

<http://awmanenychapter.wildapricot.org/>

As members of ENY AWMA, we would like to introduce ourselves and announce the 23rd Annual Earth Day Grant program. AWMA is an international organization of environmental professionals. The main purpose of our organization is to share knowledge about the environment, pollution, and ways to eliminate or reduce pollution. **To this end, we would like to announce that the Eastern New York Chapter of AWMA is sponsoring an Earth Day Grant program in honor of Earth Day 2024.** We would like to assist you in promoting environmental awareness by supporting environmental/science-based projects in your school.

If you have an environmental/science-based project or event that you would like to have funded, please complete and submit the attached Earth Day Grant Application by **Friday April 12, 2024**. Partial or full grants will be awarded for qualifying projects or events based on technical and educational merit as determined by our Education Committee. We will consider funding project equipment (such as water testing kits, microscopes, and alternative energy kits), or an event (such as a special program presentation). Preference will be given to projects involving scientific studies (water quality studies, alternative energy projects, projects requiring data collection and analysis, etc.); however, all requests will be given consideration. Detailed descriptions of how and when the grant will be used, and specific educational benefits as a result of the program, are key areas in the application evaluation. As we are an organization made up entirely of volunteers, applications which minimize or eliminate costs associated with labor and administration are always welcomed. A list of the 2023 grant winners is attached, but should not be considered a list of the only types of projects which may be funded – try a new idea, think outside the box, be original!

Please refer to the attached Grant Application for the details and deadlines. All grade levels at schools with a zip code starting with “12” are eligible. We look forward to hearing from you, and hope that we can assist you in teaching our youth the role we all play in keeping our environment healthy.

Sincerely,

The 2023-2024 Eastern New York Chapter AWMA Education Committee:

**Eastern NY Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association
2023 Earth Day Grant Awards**

| School Name | Location | Project Name |
|---|------------------|--|
| Anderson Center for Autism | Staatsburg | Growing Gift Cards - Recycled Plantable Cards |
| Berlin High School Marine Biology | Cherry Plain | Caribbean Coral Rescue |
| Coxsackie-Athens Aqua Lab | Coxsackie | Coxsackie Aqua Lab 3.0: Sustainability Extension |
| Coxsackie-Athens High School | Coxsackie | Micro Life Sustainability Project Extension |
| Fonda-Fultonville School District | Fonda | Pollinator Garden |
| Land to Learn/ Robert R. Graves Elementary School | Port Ewen | Indigenous Agriculture Space |
| Malone Middle School | Malone | Malone Middle School 6 th Grade Science Composting Initiative |
| Niskayuna High School – Environmental Science | Niskayuna | The Incredible European Honeybee and Backyard Beekeeping |
| Paige Elementary School | Schenectady | The Rain Train: The Sequel |
| Port Jervis High School | Port Jervis | The Effects of Emerald Ash Borer on a Deciduous Forest Ecosystem & Continued Assessment of Ash Trees' Health |
| Spackenkill High School | Poughkeepsie | Community Garden |
| St. Clement's Regional Catholic School | Saratoga Springs | Nature in Harmony Aquaponics |
| Orville A. Todd Middle School | Poughkeepsie | Biodiversity in Suburbia |
| Wildwood Programs, Inc. | Latham | Wildwood School: Greenhouse Re-Design Project |
| Willsboro Central School | Willsboro | Compost and Nutrient Cycling |

Grants were awarded to a diverse group of schools and for a wide variety of environmental projects. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not yet resumed our annual November meeting, at which educators and/or students are invited to present their projects. In addition to members seeing the benefits of the grant program, our annual meeting presents an opportunity for students to speak in a professional forum. We look forward to the possibility of re-establishing this beneficial program in 2024.

In 2023, generous donations were received from:

| Platinum Level (\$1,000+) | Silver Level (\$250-\$999) | Bronze Level (\$50-\$199) |
|--|--|--|
| Foundation for Engineering Education (\$5,000) | Stewart's Shops Holiday Match Sander Bonvell David Roecker | Bob Duff Paul Rappleyea Andrea Simmons |

As part of our fundraising efforts for this year's Grant Program, proceeds from the 11th Annual Peter B. Desrochers Memorial Golf Tournament in September 2023 generated approximately \$4,870. Our annual golf tournament event will be held on September 20, 2024 at Van Patten Golf Club in Clifton Park, New York.

Air & Waste Management Association
Eastern New York Chapter
2024 Earth Day Grant Application

The Air & Waste Management Association - Eastern New York Chapter - is sponsoring multiple grants in honor of Earth Day 2024. The purpose of the grants is to promote environmental awareness through educational activities.

Applications may be submitted by e-mail to earthdaygrants@awmaneny.org or enyawmaec@gmail.com (preferred method as a green initiative) or via mail to:

AWMA 2024 Earth Day Grant Program

PO Box 1851

Latham, NY 12110

- An electronic version of this application can be obtained from our website at <http://awmanenychapter.wildapricot.org/>
- **Applications must be received by April 12, 2024.**
- **Maximum award not to exceed \$750.00.**

Any questions regarding the Earth Day Grant should be directed to:

- ENY AWMA Education Committee via e-mail at enyawmaec@gmail.com, or
- Joe Farron – Phone (518) 786-7471 or via e-mail at j.farron@ctmale.com

Application conditions:

- Applicants must provide all requested information on this application. All applications will be reviewed and the grants awarded by AWMA-ENY Chapter Education Committee. All decisions are final. Grant winners will be announced by Earth Day 2024.
- Receipt of grant applications by AWMA-ENY Chapter Education Committee does not necessarily mean that a grant will be awarded to your school.
- Grant winners are required to submit a brief report to the AWMA-ENY Chapter Education Committee after completion of the project. This report is informal and has no specific format, but should include general details of the project / event with pictures where appropriate. The Education Committee would like to follow your progress and share in your accomplishments. Earth Day Grant submissions to the AWMA including photographs, exhibits, videos, etc. become the property of the AWMA and may be used to publicize the Earth Day grant program, including posting on the web, at public events, or by other means. Submissions will not be returned.
- ***Grant winners must submit a final report in order to be eligible for future grants.***
- The award must be used during the 2023-24 or 2024-25 academic school year.
- Grant winners may be invited to attend an AWMA meeting and present the results of their project. This is a great opportunity for students to participate in a professional forum and interact with environmental professionals. See photos of previous meetings at <http://awmanenychapter.wildapricot.org>.

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Application information: (Feel free to supply additional sheets. *The more detail, the better.*)

MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750.00

Project name: _____

Organization name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Project Coordinator name: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-Mail address _____

Check payable to and mailing address (if awarded): _____

Number of students **directly** involved in the project:_____ **Total Amount Requested \$**_____

How did you hear about the grant program?_____

If your project costs will exceed \$750, please indicate any additional sources of funding to accomplish your project within the project description below.

Brief project description (include purpose, schedule, location, **itemized cost estimate**, timing, etc.):

[illegible]

Acknowledgement:

I understand that the money requested, if awarded, will be used for the program/activity described above. Grant money will be returned to the Eastern New York Chapter of AWMA in the event that the activity/project is cancelled or does not take place. A letter/e-mail report will be provided to the Chapter describing the results of the activity after it is completed.

Applicant Name/Signature/Date