

President's Environmental Youth Award

Today's Youth Protecting Tomorrow's Environment



2025 PEYA Application Form

Individual Application

Full Name	
Project Title	
Project Location: (project city, state/territory, and ZIP code)	
Name of School	
Project Start Date	
Project End Date (if applicable)	

OR

Team Application

Team Name	
Project Title	
Project Location: (project city, state/territory, and ZIP code)	
Name of School	
Total Number of Applicants	
Project Start Date	
Project End Date (if applicable)	

Please check the box below for the applicable grade level category:

K-5 6-12

Did the project receive press coverage? If yes, please attach press clippings.

Yes No

Applicant Name and Grade Level(s):

Complete the table below with information for each applicant(s). Attach additional sheet if needed. Each applicant must have a signed Consent for PEYA Student Works Form and a signed PEYA Permission Form from their parent or guardian.

Student applicants aged 18 years or older at the time of application submission is permitted to sign the Consent for PEYA Student Works Form and PEYA Permission Form on their own behalf.

Please note that applicant names as provided below will be used for all materials prepared including certificates, award plaques, and in program materials. Names cannot be changed after application submission.

Full Name (to be printed on awards, certificates, and program materials)	Grade

Teacher/Primary Sponsor

Provide work-associated contact information and a complete address for mailing awards and certificates for projects selected for award. Provide a secondary email that is accessible outside of the school year. For home-schooled applicants with no interaction with formal educators or youth development clubs, the teacher / primary sponsor can be a parent and provide work or personal contact information. The teacher / primary sponsor and co-sponsor (if applicable) must sign and date page 4 of the PEYA Application Form.

Full Name	
School Name, Street Address, City, State or Territory and ZIP code	
Relationship to Applicant(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Co-sponsor
Work Phone Number	
Work Email	
Secondary Email (for correspondence outside of the school year)	

Sponsor/Co-sponsor (if applicable)

Full Name	
Relationship to Applicant(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Co-sponsor
Phone Number	
Email	
Secondary Email (for correspondence outside of the school year)	

Project Environmental Focus Area(s)

Environmental focus area(s) addressed by the project. Check one or more as appropriate.

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural practices	<input type="checkbox"/> School gardens
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate change	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Using STEM in environmental education
<input type="checkbox"/> Food waste	<input type="checkbox"/> Water infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead in drinking water	<input type="checkbox"/> Water quality and/or litter within waterways
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycling	

Other Focus Area(s):

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Brief Summary of the Project

Please type a brief project summary (maximum 300 words) of the project in the space provided below describing the project's purpose and goals and identifying the results achieved. Please no hand-written project summaries.

A more detailed description of the project can be included separately (maximum 5 typed pages or 5 slides); it is strongly recommended to organize the detailed description according to the applicable evaluation review criteria. You may also include up to 5 additional pages of supporting information such as project photographs, press clippings, sample materials, links to project videos, etc. Please do not submit hand-written project descriptions. Note also that we cannot accept links to file share drives or social media accounts.

By signing below, the sponsor/co-sponsor(s) certify that the applicant(s) has performed this project, the applicant(s) and project is eligible, and that the information contained in this application is accurate to the best of their knowledge. If needed, please refer to these [instructions for e-signing a PDF in Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).

Teacher Signature

Date

Sponsor / Co-sponsor Signature

Date

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

Consent for PEYA Student Works

THE PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN

Printed Full Name (hereinafter referred to as "the Parent and/or Legal Guardian")

THE CHILD

Printed Full Name (hereinafter referred to as "my Child")

As the Parent and/or Legal Guardian of the above-named child, or as a student applicant above the age of 18 at the time of application submission, I hereby grant a non-exclusive, no-cost, worldwide, transferable, irrevocable license in all media and languages now or hereafter known to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorizing EPA and others acting on its behalf to publish, use, duplicate, disclose, exhibit, display, modify or edit the following work or works, as listed below by title and/or description, which have been created by my Child, including all application materials such as related PowerPoints, photos, websites, audio recordings, videos, transcriptions, and presentation materials ("the Work" or "Works"):

1.

2.

3.

I understand and agree that the Work or Works may be edited and used in whole or in part for EPA's purposes and/or the purposes of those acting on EPA's behalf, including for broadcast, publication, promotion, and publicity, as well as posting online and for inclusion within the public access file created for EPA's President's Environmental Education Youth Award (PEYA) program.

I represent and warrant that I am authorized to provide the license or licenses granted herein, and that (1) the Work or Works are original to the above-named Child, and do not contain any material that would violate the copyrights, trademarks, or any other property rights of others, or (2) that I have obtained sufficient rights with respect to any third party materials included in the Work or Works to provide the license or licenses herein.

Signature (Parent / Guardian)

Date

If needed, please refer to these [instructions for e-signing a PDF in Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).

PEYA Permission Form

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Your child is applying to participate in the President's Environmental Education Youth Award (PEYA) program. Because this U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program includes features that require us to collect personal information from your child, we are contacting you to obtain your consent so that your child may participate in the program, as described below.

Please read EPA's privacy policy, which can be found at (<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2013-11/documents/2182g.pdf>). If this privacy policy and the terms represented below are acceptable to you, please provide your consent by signing this form. Signed forms should be returned to the teacher or project sponsor / co-sponsor helping to complete your child's PEYA application.

The PEYA program requires parental/legal guardian consent from all minors under the age of 18 seeking to participate in the program. This form also satisfies requirements of the Children's Online Privacy Protect Act (COPPA), under which the owners of certain types of websites and online services must obtain "verifiable parental consent" before collecting, using or disclosing personal information from children under the age of 13.

Student applicants aged 18 years or older at the time of application submission are permitted to sign the PEYA Permission Form on their own behalf. The student applicant is advised to include a statement in the application package confirming that they are 18 year of age or older and providing consent to participate in the program.

With your signature below, you hereby attest to the following:

1. I am 18 years of age or older and the parent/legal guardian of _____ (my Child).
2. I have read the EPA privacy policy, linked above, and consent to my Child's participation in the PEYA program.
3. In connection with the PEYA program, I also consent to EPA's disclosure of my Child's first and last name, the name of their school (city and state), the name of their project and their grade level.
4. I further consent to the potential disclosure of this information on EPA's social media and/or webpages to promote my child's environmental project. I understand that EPA employees administrating the PEYA program will potentially use this information to promote participating students, such as my Child, and their environmental projects through national and regional press releases, EPA produced videos, EPA's official website, printed PEYA program awards booklets, and EPA social media pages displayed on online platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.
5. I understand that EPA employees may also use my Child's personal information to connect my Child to other children participating in the program through an online community featuring past PEYA winners (e.g., via Facebook groups, LinkedIn).
6. I understand that EPA videotapes and photographs the PEYA ceremony. EPA intends the video and photographs to be used for informational, educational, and/or public relations purposes both within the EPA and by the general public. I understand the video and photographs from the ceremony may feature my Child's image and/or voice and may appear online as soon as 30 minutes after the taping. I understand the video and/or photographs will remain online indefinitely and may subsequently appear in EPA hard copy publications or other non-EPA publications that EPA deems appropriate to help promote or publicize the event or purpose for which the video, photo(s) and/or voice recording was prepared.
7. I authorize disclosure and release of the video, photo(s) and/or voice recording to EPA.
8. I have read and understand the foregoing and I consent to the use of my Child's video, photo(s) and/or voice recording as specified for the above-described purpose(s). I further understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation of any character shall become payable to me or my custodian by EPA for such use. I understand that consent to use my Child's video, photo(s) and/or voice recording is voluntary.
9. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein mine or that of my Child's video likeness appears.
10. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the United States and EPA from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I and/or my Child, heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate or that of my custodian have or may have by reason of this authorization.

As the legal guardian/custodian of my Child, I am competent to contract in my own name and/or in the name of my Child. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Parent / Guardian Printed Full Name

Date