



## Green Flag Award Application

**This comprehensive application must be completed by the school and uploaded to the Eco-Schools USA website along with all supporting documents. For instructions on how to do this, please see the Green Flag Award page on [www.eco-schoolsusa.org/awards](http://www.eco-schoolsusa.org/awards).**

School Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
School Website URL	
Approx. No. of Students	
Name of Principal	
Name of Eco-Schools USA Coordinator	
Application Date	

Mark this box if you are renewing your Green Flag Award

## SECTION 1 – ABOUT THE ECO-ACTION TEAM

Team Members	Represents
Who are the 'Action Team' members and who do they represent? (Please list)	
Who chairs/organizes the meetings?	
Who takes minutes/records the proceedings of team meetings?	
How often has your team met to-date?	
On how many occasions has a parent, volunteer or other member of the 'out-of-school' community attended to date?	
How are decisions arrived at during meetings?	
How can students not on the Eco-Action Team make suggestions?	
How does the Eco-Action Team provide feedback on decisions to the rest of the school?	

*[Suggested evidence for Section 1 = minutes and other meeting reports]*

## SECTION 2 – ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS

*Note: Please send two copies of both your initial Environmental Audit and your Follow-Up Environmental Audit with this form.*

Who carried out your initial Environmental Audit and when?	
Who carried out your follow-up audit and when?	

*[Suggested evidence for Section 2 = The Environmental audit documents themselves, minutes and meeting reports, photographs, pupil accounts, data collection sheets, etc.]*

## SECTION 3 – ABOUT THE ECO-ACTION PLAN

*Note: Please send two copies of your current Action Plan with this for which should include targets and methods of measuring the targets set.*

Who was involved in developing the action plan? Briefly describe process?	
How did you share the action plan with the rest of the school?	

## SECTION 4 - ABOUT ECO-SCHOOLS USA CONNECTIONS TO CURRICULUM

**WORK** Please give 3 brief examples of curriculum work carried out related to Eco-Schools USA.

	Grade Level	Subject Area(s)	Activity(ies)
<b>Example 1</b>			
<b>Example 2</b>			
<b>Example 3</b>			

<p>Can you offer any examples of how students' involvement in Eco-Schools USA has led to a rise in educational achievement? Please describe briefly.</p>	
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*[Suggested evidence for Section 4 = Lesson plans, pupils own work records, wall displays, etc.]*

**SECTION 5 – ABOUT ECO-SCHOOLS USA COMMUNICATION**

*Note: Please send two identical photographs of your notice/bulletin board or webpages with this form.*

<p>Where is your Eco-Schools USA notice or bulletin board?</p>	
<p>What information is put on the notice or bulletin board?</p>	
<p>Who is responsible for new material on the notice or bulletin board?</p>	
<p>How often does new material appear?</p>	
<p>Is Eco-Schools USA promoted in any other way? (e.g. website, newsletters, posters)</p>	

*[Suggested evidence for Section 5 = The notice-board photograph, assembly plans, press releases/press cuttings, minutes from governor meetings, AGM agendas, letters to/from business contacts, newsletter.]*

**SECTION 6 – ABOUT THE SCHOOL’S ECO-CODE**

*Note: Please include two copies of your Eco-Code with this form.*

Briefly explain how your Eco-Code was developed?	
How often is it reviewed?	
Where is it displayed?	
How do you ensure all students are aware of it?	

*[Suggested evidence for Section 6: The Eco-Code itself, assembly plans, notice-board photos, lesson plans, etc.]*

## SECTION 7 - MONITORING ACHIEVEMENTS

Which of the Eco-Schools USA Pathways have you tackled? For each Pathway that you have worked on, please provide an indication of the scale of the project (i.e. major project, small / short project). For a Green Flag Award, you must have addressed a minimum of three Pathways.

Topic	Mark	Scale of Project
Biodiversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Climate Change	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Consumption and Waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Healthy Living	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Healthy Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LEAF	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schoolyard Habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable Food	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WOW ____ Watersheds ____ Oceans ____ Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Referring to your Eco-Action Plan, please outline the targets that you set, the steps you have taken to achieve these, and the progress you have made to-date.

Target	Steps Taken	Progress to Date / Results
<p>What evidence can you offer to demonstrate how each of the targets has been met? (e.g. analysis such as tables, graphs)  <b>(DO NOT SEND THIS INFORMATION IN WITH YOUR REPORT)</b></p>		

*(Suggested evidence for Section 7: Before-and-after photographs, meter readings, waste audit data, pupil attitude questionnaires, etc.)*



**SECTION 8 – GENERAL**

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL)

<p>Briefly describe how you see your Eco-Schools USA program developing in the future.</p>	
<p>What have been the benefits of Eco-Schools USA to your school?</p>	
<p>How have you managed to ensure whole school awareness and participation in Eco-Schools USA?</p>	
<p>How has Eco-Schools USA been integrated into your school development plan?</p>	

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 9 – AWARD RENEWAL APPLICATIONS**

Complete this section only if your school has previously been awarded the Green Flag status.

<p>Explain briefly what progress you have made with your Eco-Schools USA work and what have been the main developments since you were awarded Green Flag status.</p>	
<p>If it has been significantly more than two years since you were awarded Green Flag status, please explain briefly the reason(s) for this and outline any problems that have occurred.</p>	
<p>If your application is successful, do you require another Green Flag?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**CHECKLIST FOR GREEN FLAG APPLICATION AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS**

<b>2 Copies of this completed application form</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 Copies of Your Initial Environmental Audit</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 Copies of Your follow-up Environmental Audit</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 Copies of Your Eco-Schools USA Action Plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 Copies of Your Notice / Bulletin Board photograph</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 Copies of Your Eco-Code</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**NOTE:** Please ensure that you convert all documents to a digital format, i.e., PDF or JPG.