



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.

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)
Example 1			
Example 2			
Example 3			

<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) (DO NOT SEND THIS INFORMATION IN WITH YOUR REPORT)</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

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

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