



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
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EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER
MID-ATLANTIC STATES SECTION

March 2021

Dear Educator:

Since 2002, the Eastern New York Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA) has awarded over \$150,050 in 310 grants to motivated teachers and students in our area. In 2020, 13 qualifying projects received grants up to \$750 per school for a total of \$8,328. 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 20th 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 2021.** 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 16, 2021**. 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 2020 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 2020-2021 Eastern New York Chapter AWMA Education Committee:

Joe Farron, C.T. Male Associates (Chair)
Rod Aldrich, Sterling Environmental Engineering
Dina Ayers, ALS Environmental
Sander Bonvell, Earth View Environmental
Robert Duff

Cris Hine, Ramboll
Dan Lang, NYSDOH
Mona Larkin, AECOM
Tom Seguljic, HRP Associates

Eastern NY Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Assoc. 2020 Earth Day Grant Awards

School Name	Location	Project Name
Cambridge Central School Agricultural Club	Cambridge	Vermiculture in the Classroom
Jessie T. Zoller Elementary School	Schenectady	Zoller Native Plant and Wetland Garden - Monarch Madness!
Lake Pleasant Central School	Speculator	Aquaponics Garden Education
Maimonides Hebrew Day School	Albany	Seniors and Environment
Niskayuna High School – Env. Science	Niskayuna	Soil Nutrient Measurements of Students’ Garden Soils
Orville A Todd Middle School	Poughkeepsie	Tick Tock
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Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School	Ravena	Put Waste in the Right Place Recycling Program
St. Denis - St. Columba School	Hopewell Jct.	Project Nourish Back to Nature
Shaker Road Elementary School	Colonie	Gutters, Greenery, and Garbage
South Ave. Elementary & Land to Learn	Beacon	Indigenous Agriculture Space
Thomas O’Brien Academy of Science and Technology and The College of Saint Rose	Albany	Arbor Day/ Earth Day Tree Planting at Lincoln Park
Woodland Hill Montessori School	Rensselaer	Garden & Food Program

Grants were awarded to a diverse group of schools and for a wide variety of environmental projects. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were forced to cancel 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 2021.

In 2020, generous donations were received from:

Platinum Level (\$1,000+)	Silver Level (\$200-\$999)	Bronze Level (\$50-\$199)
Foundation for Engineering Education (\$5,000) Eastern New York AWMA Chapter	Sander Bonvell C.T. Male Associates Stewart’s Shops Holiday Match	Bob Duff Paul Rappleyea

As part of our fundraising efforts for the 2020 Grant Program, proceeds from a raffle of our members were completed in lieu of the 8th Annual Peter B. Desrochers Memorial Golf Tournament, which was forced to be canceled in September 2020. We look forward to resuming our annual Golf Tournament in 2021 to generate revenue for our 2022 grant program.

Air & Waste Management Association
Eastern New York Chapter
2021 Earth Day Grant Application

The Air & Waste Management Association - Eastern New York Chapter - is sponsoring multiple grants in honor of Earth Day 2021. 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 2020 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 Friday April 16, 2021.**
- **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:

- All applications will be reviewed and the grants awarded by AWMA-ENY Chapter Education Committee. All decisions are final. Grant winners will be announced on or shortly after Earth Day 2021.
- Grant winners are required to submit a brief report to AWMA-ENY Chapter Education Committee after completion of the Earth Day 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 2020-21 or 2021-22 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>.

