



Opportunities for Materials, Awards, and Grants

Chicago Conservation Corps (C3) Student Clubs
Chicago Department of Environment (DOE)
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The following organizations and programs offer a variety of materials, awards, and grants that may connect to projects undertaken by your Clubs.

311

The Bureau of Forestry can plant a tree in your school's parkway for free! Call 311 to request the tree. Once your request is received, your planting site will be investigated by Forestry Staff. If Forestry Staff decides the site is appropriate, trees are planted in the spring and fall.

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)

This national nonprofit organization educates youth regarding climate change, focusing on empowerment and action. After participating in an ACE-run school-wide assembly, your Club is eligible to apply for a \$10,000-\$20,000 grant. Scholarships are also available to students in ACE Action Teams. For more information, contact Michael LaFemina at michael.lafemina@climateeducation.org, www.climateeducation.org

Bike Racks through the Chicago Department of Transportation

The Chicago Department of Transportation's Bicycle Program installs and maintains bike racks in Chicago as part of the [Bike 2015 Plan](#) and Mayor Daley's vision to make Chicago the most bicycle-friendly city in the nation. Request a bike rack: <http://www.chicagobikes.org/forms/bikerackrequest.php>

Chicago Department of Environment

Grants and other resources are posted on the DOE website (<http://cityofchicago.org/Environment>) as they become available. For example, in the past the Department has offered grants for green roofs and solar thermal water heaters.

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Recycling Rewards – C3 Partner Organization

Your school has an opportunity to earn a gift card from Office Depot by recycling an average of at least 100% of your school's enrollment-based recycling target each week. You can track your school's performance at: <http://www.cps.edu/SPOTLIGHT/Pages/Spotlight24.aspx>. Each school has been assigned a Recycling Target, an enrollment-based amount of recycled paper that must be placed in the school's recycling container each week. Contact Suzanne Carlson 773-553-1482 or email recycling@cps.edu.

CPS Service Learning and Paper Recycling – C3 Partner Organization

Start a student-led recycling program and benefit from this partnership between the CPS Service-Learning Initiative and the BOLD Chicago Institute. This program will help you gain access to recycling workshops, as well as \$750 grants for materials, field trips, and stipends. Contact the Service-Learning Program Coordinator, Cristina Salgado, at 773-553-2024 or csalgad1@gmail.com for more information.

DO SOMETHING!

www.dosomething.org provides weekly grants of \$500 to youth who are leading innovative projects that will make the world a better place. The grants must be written by youth and used on projects designed by youth.

Environmental Protection Agency

K-12 students can compete for President's Environmental Youth Awards, which recognize young people across America for projects which benefit the environment. To learn more about these awards, visit <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/peya/index.html>. You can also contact Megan Gavin, the Region 5 Environmental Educator, at 312-353-5282, gavin.megan@epa.gov for more information.



The Fairchild Challenge

This program provides an opportunity for students to express their interest in the environment through the arts (including the written or spoken word, poetry, photography, design, painting, and much more). Schools can submit entries to the Chicago Botanic Garden's Fairchild Challenge, and earn points and prizes. The Fairchild Challenge also provides access to a great array of symposia and workshops. For more information, see www.chicagobotanic.org/fairchildchallenge or contact Treenen Sturman, Education Coordinator (tsturman@chicagobotanic.org, 847-835-8343).

Global Challenge Award

The Global Challenge Award is a nonprofit association that works to provide students with the tools and confidence to solve global problems together. Through this program, students form international teams to solve the global challenge of "Climate Change and the Future of Energy." They also have an opportunity to compete individually in an international social gaming contest; the winners will attend the United Nations Climate Change Convention in Copenhagen. Visit <http://www.globalchallengeaward.org/display/public/Home> or send an e-mail to management@globalchallengeaward.org for more information.

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

Zero Waste Grant Initiative

Illinois schools can apply to DCEO for grants to implement or expand recycling and waste reduction programs and strive to achieve zero waste status. Public school districts submit one application for all the schools participating in the project. The grant application may be downloaded at <http://www.istep.org>. Contact Brett Ivers at Brett.Ivers@illinois.gov or 217-524-5859 for more information.

Lights for Learning Program: A Bright Idea

The Lights for Learning fundraiser is a great way to raise money for your school or organization by having students sell energy efficient Compact Fluorescent Light (CFLs) bulbs. CFLs can last up to 10 times as long as an incandescent bulb while using 75% less energy. Schools or organizations earn a 50% profit and a free educational assembly or classroom presentation about energy conservation through the DCEO. Contact Carol Kulekat at carol.kulekat@illinois.gov for more information, or visit http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Energy_Recycling/Education/istep_L4L_program.htm

Illinois Section American Water Works Association

The ISAWWA offers reimbursements for substitutes and busses for teachers to bring students to visit water and/or public works facilities. Visit <http://www.isawwa-portal.com/> for more information.

Mayor Daley's Landscape Awards

Mayor Daley's Landscape Awards is an annual program that recognizes the thousands of Chicagoans who help make the city green through their environmental beautification efforts. The program is open to residents, businesses and schools located in Chicago. Call (312) 744-8691 to request a copy of next summer's application, or find it online at <http://cityofchicago.org/Environment>.

Target Field Trip Grants

Target will award 5,000 grants of up to \$800 each for field trips in the upcoming school year. Submit an application on-line between August 5th and November 3rd, 2009.

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031767>

