

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

323 Districts 843 Schools Participating



Making Progress On Your Certification Webinar March 6th 3-4pm

Working on Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification? The next application deadline is March 29th. This webinar will help you understand the application feedback process, [submission cycle](#), and how to organize your materials for success. Register [here](#).

Good Idea for a Project? Apply for a Grant?

PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 to support another cycle of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Program:

- Four (4) \$10,000 grants to school districts and schools
- Thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to schools

Application deadline: March 15

Go [HERE](#) for more information and links to application pages.



Health & the Natural Environment Grants

Applications open through March 1, 2019

The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), with funding support from US Forest Service (USFS), is offering \$32,200 through mini-grants (up to \$4,000 per grant) for health promotion activities that will also help restore and protect America's forests.

Awarded grantees will be expected to conduct activities on:

- local Forest Service lands,
- other federal partner public lands,
- local and municipal public lands, or
- public lands within urban communities that seek to connect to urban forests and nature-based spaces.

Grant-funded activities will mobilize a diverse community of volunteers, primarily youth and families from Latinx/Hispanic communities, and educate participants about how protecting the long-term sustainability of their local public lands greatly benefits people's health. For more information, click [here](#).



**CHILDREN'S
ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH
NETWORK**

NOW Youth Leadership Award

Nominations open through March 15, 2019

Do you know a young person (ages 10-21) who has stepped up as a leader on issues ranging from climate change to safe drinking water to toxic ingredients in personal care products? Nominate them for the NOW Youth Leadership Award. Click [HERE](#) for more information and the nomination form.



Action for Healthy Kids Grants Available

Nominations open through April 5, 2019

Help your school become healthier with a Parents for Healthy Kids or School Breakfast grant for the 2019-2020 school year. Receive funding and technical assistance to increase physical activity opportunities, improve nutrition initiatives, engage parents in school wellness or increase breakfast participation. [Learn more and apply before the deadline on April 6, 2018.](#)



NEW JERSEY

U.S. Green Building Council New Jersey Student Awards

Nominations open through March 18, 2019

Each year USGBC NJ recognizes and presents Gala Awards to companies and individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in green building and sustainability.

There are two STUDENT categories: K-12; and Higher Ed. Please indicate which category you are applying under. A winner/ winning team will be chosen in each of the 2 categories at the 15th Annual Awards Gala on May 22, 2019. For information, click [here](#).

Sustainable Practices Working Session for Green Teams February 28th 9-3:30pm

The New Jersey School Boards Association, in collaboration with Sustainable Jersey for Schools, is offering free one-day Sustainable Practices Working Sessions for members and school district personnel. Participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program. Gather your green team and strategize for certification and cost savings in 2019!

Session begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 am; registration is at 9 am.

Professional Development: Earn 4 [Board Member Academy](#) credits and 4 [Certified Green Leader](#) credits for attending this program. This program is sponsored by the Educational Leadership Foundation of New Jersey. Download & share the [informational flyer](#) with your green team!

GET CERTIFIED

Upcoming Deadlines for 2019 Certification Cycle:

- March 29 - Second 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline
- June 24 - FINAL 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline

Not sure how to where to begin? Check out our [application user guide](#), view a recorded [certification webinar](#) and plan for success using our [Master Action Tracking spreadsheet](#).

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching Scholar Program: Biodiversity Field Methods

June 24-28, Stokes State Forest

Application Deadline: April 1, 2019

Click [HERE](#) for details and application.

COST: FREE Scholarships will be funded by National Geographic and Montclair State University. Scholarships include all meals, on-site lodging and educational resources.

This five-day summer professional development workshop for middle school science teachers will focus on an extended hands-on experience in assessing ecosystem biodiversity. Teachers will work alongside academic researchers and professional scientists to identify flora and fauna in the forest, stream and lake ecosystems in and around the NJ School of Conservation (NJSOC) within Stokes State Forest.

New Jersey Audubon 2019 Teachers' School of Ecology

July 29-Aug 2, Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, Bernardsville NJ

Application Deadline: March 15, 2019

Click [HERE](#) for details and application.

COST: FREE, also includes \$250 stipend for attending all five days

This five-day summer professional development workshop explores ecology, natural history and sustainability concepts while discovering forested regions of the NJ Highlands and Passaic River watershed. Experience over 20 field investigations aligned with NJ's Student Learning Standards for Science and Eco-Schools USA.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ) TRAINING by PEOSH/NJADP

Various dates & locations 8am-12:30pm. FREE. Register [here](#).

This free training supports the [Indoor Air Quality Review](#) and [Asthma Friendly School](#) actions in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, which require staff training.

Mar 1 - Metuchen, NJ

Apr 26 - Bridgewater, NJ

May 1 - Sicklerville, NJ

June 7 - Robbinsville, NJ

FREE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) TRAINING SERIES

Various dates & locations 8am-12:30pm. FREE. Register [here](#).

Training sessions are offered for school IPM Coordinators and other school personnel with administrative responsibilities. Knowledge received from this training can be applied to the [Integrated Pest Management - Education & Organic Lawn Care Action](#) in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

Mar 22 - Sicklerville, NJ

Apr 12 - Bridgewater, NJ

May 3 - Metuchen, NJ

May 31 - Washington, NJ

EPA "KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION" ON DEMAND INDOOR AIR QUALITY WEBINARS

Recordings available [here](#).

Topics include: Gaining Buy-in for Optimal Ventilation, Mold Moisture & Money, Using Data to Address Asthma in Schools Healthy Schools & Healthy Students: Improving IAQ.

EPA SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT WEB ACADEMY

On Demand Food Waste & Recycling Webinars available [here](#).

NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)

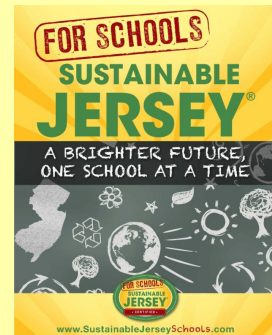
[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more!

Upcoming Live Webinars in the series

Download Program Resources

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [District Registration Instructions](#)
- [School Registration Instruction](#)



We hope you will join us to take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time! If you have questions, email us at schools@sustainablejersey.com or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com.

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