Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators!

EPA recognizes outstanding K through 12th grade teachers who integrate environmental education through innovative, place-based and experiential learning approaches and use the environment as a context for learning in public school programs across the country.

Eligibility Requirements

- Teach K-12 on a full-time basis in a public school that is operated by a local education agency, including schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education
- Hold a current teaching license from the state (or valid reciprocity from the state for a license from another state)
- Have at least 5 years of K-12 teaching experience, including at least 3 years of teaching an environment-based curriculum or environmental education
- Anticipate a classroom teaching assignment involving environmental education for the upcoming school year
- Be a citizen of the United States, its territories or possessions, or lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residency
- Have not been a recipient of the award in the past 5 years

Recognition

- Teacher awardees will receive an award of up to $2,500 to be used to further the recipient’s professional development.
- The teacher’s local education agency will also receive an award of up to $2,500 to fund environmental educational activities and programs.

Applications are due January 15, 2024.

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