



Information & Application Template: The NOAA Climate Stewards Project Stewardship Community

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<https://list.woc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/noaaclimatestewards/>

NOAA's Climate Stewards Education Project (CSEP) provides formal and informal educators with sustained professional development, collaborative tools, and support to build a climate-literate public that is actively engaged in climate stewardship. If you decide to join the Stewardship Community, **you are committing to:**

- Develop and implement a climate stewardship action project (definition below)
- Participate in monthly CSEP Web seminars during evening hours - typically the 1st Monday of every month.
- Participate in a Stewardship Project Peer Review Group - meetings during evening hours (~ once/month).
- Use the CSEP Wiki to post your stewardship project plans, progress updates, results, share resources, and comments with other CSEP educators.
- Participate in CSEP evaluation efforts i.e. online surveys.

Educators selected for this project and meeting the above requirements **are eligible to apply for:**

- Mini-grant funding up to \$2000.00 to develop and implement a climate stewardship project.
- Travel reimbursements to attend and present at select workshops &/or national conferences
- Special professional development opportunities.
- Monetary and educational resource prizes through CSEP contests.

The application to join the CSEP Stewardship Community includes a climate stewardship action project proposal (see template below).

Project proposals are NOT reviewed for funding at the time of application; they are solely for application into the Stewardship Community. To receive funding individuals accepted

into the Stewardship community must abide by the commitments noted above and formally apply for project funding in the early summer of 2016

Applicants into the Stewardship Community will be selected based on the merits of their stewardship action project proposal. If accepted, participants will work with a peer review group to refine their proposal which **may then be submitted for funding** of up to \$2000.00 during early/mid-summer (TBA). Accepted refined proposals will be funded for the following academic year.

All information submitted will be retained by the NOAA Climate Stewards Education Project. It will **NEVER** be shared with anyone at any time without the express written permission of the applicant.

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NOAA Climate Stewards Action Project Definition

A climate stewardship action project must involve action-based behavioral activities focused on the mitigation of, or adaptation to, climate change. The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) defines climate change mitigation as, “A human intervention to reduce the sources or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases” and climate change adaptation as, “The process of adjustment to actual or expected climate and its effects.”*

Climate change mitigation generally involves engaging in activities that reduce the production of human generated greenhouse gas emissions, i.e. energy reduction/conservation in homes and transportation options, recycling, etc. or increasing sinks of carbon dioxide i.e. reforestation, planting regionally appropriate gardens, etc. Climate change adaptation involves making changes in our environment or the way we do things to respond to changes in climate i.e. habitat restoration, planting regionally appropriate gardens, establishing regionally appropriate pollinator habitats, birdhouses, etc.

*Glossary/Definition IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) Working Group III Mitigation of Climate Change:

(https://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/AR5_SYR_FINAL_Annexes.pdf)

The NOAA Climate Stewards Stewardship Community Application Template

The following is only an example template of the application to join the NOAA Climate Stewards Project Stewardship Community. Only applications completed via the online form (<http://goo.gl/jCLVnm>) will be accepted.

Part I. Applicant Information:

1. First Name:
2. Last Name:
3. Email Address:
4. Secondary Email Address:
(Provide another email address if available; preferably one you check frequently. Messages from NOAA Climate Stewards are occasionally blocked from school/district/organizational email addresses via strong spam filters.)
5. Primary Phone Number:
6. Secondary Phone Number:
(Provide another number in the event we are unable to reach you via email or at your preferred phone number.)
7. Position Title:
8. Key Responsibilities:
(Optional Question, 50 Words Maximum)
9. School/Place of Employment
10. School/Place of Employment - Street Address
11. School/Place of Employment - City
12. School/Place of Employment - State
13. School/Place of Employment - Zip Code
14. Home - Street Address
(Provide an address at which you are sure you will be able to receive books, educational materials, checks, etc. regardless of the time of year.)
15. Home Address - City
16. Home Address - State
17. Home Address - Zip Code
18. Position *
Only note the primary group with which you are affiliated. Your answer here will help determine your peer review group assignment.
 - Formal Education, Grades K-5
 - Formal Education, Grades 6-8
 - Formal Education, Grades 9-12
 - Formal Education, College
 - Informal Education
 - Professional Development Provider
 - Other:
19. Have you had previous experience with NOAA programs?
(If you select yes, briefly describe in "other".)
 - Yes
 - No
 - Other:

Part II. Climate Stewardship Action Project Proposal:

Project Title:

1. What is the Climate Change Issue?
Describe the issue and the need for the climate stewardship activity you are proposing. (250 words maximum)
2. What is the desired outcome of your project?
What will be the specific effect(s) of your project on the climate change issue? On what or who? (150 words maximum)
3. Describe the information you will collect to measure progress toward your desired outcome.
i.e. change in behavior or attitude, pounds of materials recycled, kilowatt hours "saved", numbers of plants planted, tons of carbon dioxide offset, etc. (150 words maximum)
4. How will you collect the information described above?
(150 words Maximum)
5. Who and how many individuals (approximate) will be actively involved in this project?
i.e. students/teachers, classes, schools, organizations, members of the community, etc. (150 words Maximum)
6. Stewardship Process and Activities
Describe the activities of your project and provide an estimated timeline. (500 words maximum)
7. Use of NOAA and other Climate Resources
List the NOAA and non-NOAA climate science resources you will use to inform the project. (150 words maximum)
8. What STEM Careers will participants in your project learn about and how?
(150 words maximum)
9. Who do you need to communicate with about this project before, during and after its implementation? What do they need to know?
(150 words maximum)
10. Proposed Budget (funding up to \$2000.00).
How much money is needed to carry out your project, and how will you spend it? (supplies/materials, technology, transportation for students, substitute teachers, etc.) Funding may not be used to cover salaries or transportation/lodging/fees for professional conferences. (250 words maximum)