Instructions for the On-line Application

The Environmental Education (EE) Grant Program application must be submitted online through the Electronic Single Application (ESA) website. **Paper and faxed copies will not be accepted**. This change allows DEP to expedite the review process. The link to the ESA website is: https://grants.pa.gov/Login.aspx

No documentation should be mailed to DEP.

User Tips

- Electronic Single Application works best when accessed through Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome
- If you allow your screen to sit idle for 30 minutes or more, you will lose the data entered since your last save and will have to re-enter it.
- Save frequently.
- When completing the application, fields with a "•" are required fields. If a required field is skipped, you will be notified later in the application to return to the affected section to complete the field.
- Do not use special characters such as \,/,*,&,%,#, etc.
- If you have questions completing the application, please contact Enterprise eGrants Customer Service Center at 1-833-448-0647 or email at egrantshelp@pa.gov. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm EST.
- Please refer to the 2026 Environmental Education Grants Program Manual for specific **program** guidance. Should you have questions involving development of the proposal, completing the required Scope of Work and Detailed Budget forms or submitting acceptable Letters of Commitment, please contact RA-epEEgrants@pa.gov. This email is unable to provide assistance accessing and/or completing the electronic application.
- The 2026 Environmental Education Grants Program will begin accepting applications in August 2025. The application deadline is **November 14, 2025, at 11:59 pm.** Early applications or those submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

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1. Registration and Login

- Go to ESA login page https://grants.pa.gov/Login.aspx and follow the instructions for creating a new account, or login with your existing account.
- Write down and save the <u>Username</u> and <u>Password</u> you have chosen. You will need this for later your grant documents.

Login General Facts Create a New Keystone Login Account - Registration What's New? Click Register and enter all of the information into the fields with a red asterisk (*) next to For an overview of the changes in the new Single Application, please read Help. · You will be asked to create your profile, login information and security questions If you have already created an account with another agency whose application uses the Keystone Login Service, you do not need to register another account with us. Username . If you create a Keystone Login account with us, you will be able to use this account with other agencies that use Keystone Login. Password Some additional information may be required for those agencies · Keystone Login Services There are many account options that can be configured for your Keystone Login account. Please see the help documents provided by the Keystone Login Service · Keystone Login account assistance or password resets, please contact the Keystone Global Powered by Help Desk at 877-328-0995 · For technical assistance with an application, please contact the appropriate resource center listed **KEYSTONE LOGIN** · DCED customers: Please contact the DCED Customer Service Center. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM. at 800-379-7448. Email Register NOTE: If registering for the first time with Keystone inquiries can also be sent to ra-dcedcs@pa.gov. Login, please include an email address with your · Customers of all other agencies: Please contact the Enterprise eGrants Customer Service Center. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM, at account. It will be needed to successfully complete grant applications and grant processing. 833-448-0647. Email inquiries can also be sent to egrantshelp@pa.gov. Forgot Password Forgot Username Learn more about Keystone Login Having Trouble Registering

2. Begin a New Application

- Project Name Choose and enter a name for your project.
- Do you need help selecting your program Select "Yes"
- Click on "Create a New Application"

Begin a New Application

To begin a new application using the Enterprise eGrants System, enter a brief name for the project (up to sixty characters) and answer whether you need help selecting your program. If you already know the name of the program you want to apply for, answer "No".

Project Name
Environmental Education
Do you need help selecting your program?

Yes ~

CREATE A NEW APPLICATION

3. Select Program

- Under "Agencies," click DEP
- Scroll down and click "Search"

Select Program

Below is a listing of the types of organizations and projects that are most commonly funded. You may select more than one option. If no options are selected, all programs will display.

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☐ Community Servi	ices - Exam	ples include Lo	ow Income A	ssistance projects	and Emergeno	y Response	ers programs.			
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4. Apply

• Scroll down through the various grant offerings, locate the "Environmental Education Grant Program and click on "Apply."

Search Results

Below Is an alphabetical listing of all programs matching the search criteria above. If you are eligible to apply, click the Apply link to select the program.

Environmental Education Grants Program



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Environmental Education Grants Program welcomes applications for the development of innovative formal and non-formal education projects that: 1) Address grant program priorities; 2) Provide opportunities to expand the public's understanding of Pennsylvania's environmental issues; and 3) Develop skills required to make informed decisions and take responsible action on behalf of the environment.

Eligible Applicants

(submissions by ineligible organizations will not be considered)

- Public schools and school districts (K-12) (includes Intermediate Units and Charter Schools)
- Incorporated private schools (under limited circumstances, private religious schools may be exempted from the incorporation requirement)
- · Incorporated conservation and education organizations and institutions
- · Universities and colleges
- · County conservation districts
- · Incorporated nonprofit organizations
- Businesses (must be registered to conduct business in Pennsylvania)

Additional Information: Program Fact Sheet, Guidelines

5. Applicant Information

- Select the applicant entity type and fill in the applicant's (business, organization, school district, university, etc.) official (legal) name. For instance, if a teacher is submitting a proposal, enter the name of the school district. If unsure of the legal name, check with the organization's business office. **Do not use a fictitious name**.
- NAICS Code Use the drop-down box to select the organization's focus. The NAICS code will be automatically inserted.
- FEIN Number (Federal Employer Identification Number) Enter applying organization's ninedigit number. If unknown, contact the organization's business office. Do NOT enter the Project Director's personal SS number.
- UEI Number Unique Entity Identifier. Enter the applying organization's unique, 12-character alphanumeric identifier which is assigned to all entities that conduct business with the federal government.
- Top Official/Signing Authority In this block, enter the authorized representative of the organization.
- Title Enter the title of the top official/signing authority.
- SAP Vendor# Enter, if known. If unknown, contact the organization's business office

Note: The SAP vendor number is not required at the time of application. It is required to process the contractual grant agreement.

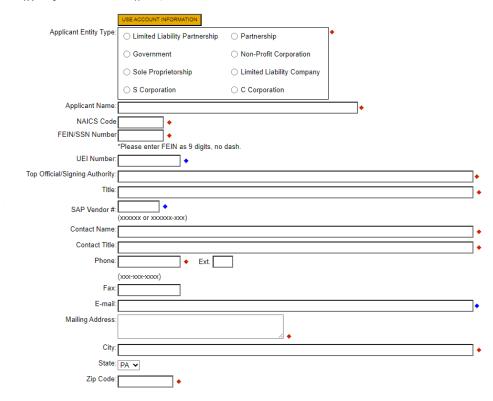
Suggestion: Establishing an SAP Vendor number may take time, delaying the processing of the contractual grant agreement. If the applying organization does not have an existing SAP vendor number, you may wish to consider beginning the process.

To begin this process: Using Microsoft Edge or Chrome internet browser, open the Office of the Budget website at www.budget.pa.gov. Under the "Popular Topics" section, click "Find Vendor Registration, Information, and Tools," then click "For Vendors." Next, select "Vendor Registration," and "Non-Procurement." Complete the sections of the Non-Procurement vendor registration.

- Contact Name Enter the primary contact name for this project. The contact may or may not be the same as the Project Director. The contact will be copied on all official Grant Center correspondence.
- Contact Title Enter the primary contact title for this project.
- Phone and Fax Enter the phone and fax numbers for the primary contact title for this project.
- E-mail Enter the e-mail for the primary contact title for this project.
- Mailing address, City, State and Zip Code Enter this information for the primary contact for this project. This may be different than the mailing address of where the project will take place.
- Enterprise Type Select appropriate type.
- Click "Continue"

Applicant Information

To copy your Registration information into the application, click the "Use Account Information" button below.



Enterprise Type

Indicate the types of enterprises that of	describe the organization li	sted above. You may select more	e than one type. ◆	
Advanced Technology	Agri-Processor	Agri-Producer	Authority	Biotechnology / Life Sciences
Business Financial Services	Call Center	Child Care Center	Commercial	Community Dev. Provider
Computer & Clerical Operators	Defense Related	Economic Dev. Provider	Educational Facility	Emergency Responder
Environment and Conservation	Exempt Facility	Export Manufacturing	Export Service	Food Processing
Government	Healthcare	Hospitality	Industrial	Manufacturing
Mining	Other	Professional Services	Recycling	Regional & National Headquarters
Research & Development	Retail	Social Services Provider	Tourism Promotion	Warehouse & Terminal

Continue

6. Project Overview

Project Overview

- Project Name The project name will auto-populate.
- Site Locations Default setting at 1. Only needs filled in if more than one site location exists for this project.

The rest of the information in the Project Overview section is not required and does not need to be filled out.

Replace Image based on program

Environmental Ed Is this project related to another previously submitted project? No If yes, indicate previous project name: Have you contacted anyone at DEP about your project? No If yes, indicate who: Are you interested in applying for multiple funding sources for this project? You are only permitted to apply for one program per application. By answering "Yes", you will be given the ability to apply for an additional program on the Certification page after this application has been submitted. No How many Site Locations are involved in the project?



7. Project Site

Project Site Location(s)

- Address Enter the applicant's mailing address (street address). **P.O. Boxes are not acceptable.**
- City, State and Zip Code Enter this information.
- County Select county from the dropdown box.
- Municipality Select municipality from the dropdown box.
- PA House and PA Senate These fields will be auto-populated based on the information entered above. If the Legislator is not auto-populated, please visit http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/
- Designated Areas Leave blank.

To add Project Site Locations,	please see the <u>Project Overview</u> sect	ion.
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Designated Areas:	Act 47 Distressed Community	Brownfield
	Enterprise Zone	Greenfield
	Keystone Innovation Zone	Keystone Opportunity Zone
	Prime Agricultural Area	Uses PA Port



8. Project Narrative

• Complete the project narrative section by describing the project and its expected outcomes.

Project Narrative

Adequate answers to the Project Narrative questions below are required. Uploaded attachments or mailed documents are no longer permitted in this section of the application. If a more detailed narrative is required for the Program selected, instructions will either be provided in the Addenda section or the Program Guidelines.

Complete the Project Summary and Project Outcomes sections. Do not exceed 700 characters in each section. Provide detailed information in the project proposal questions.
Project Summary
◆
Provide a concise description of the project.
Example: The (applying organization) will hold three elementary education workshops (grades 4-6), providing base knowledge about climate change as it relates to
local water issues. The workshops will provide PA STEELS standards-based, hands on activities. Participants will be formal and non-formal educators who primar
teach Environmental Justice community members.
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Project Outcomes
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Summarize the anticipated outcomes (behaviors) of the audience, as a result of participating in the project.
Example: At least 15 Formal, Nonformal and Pre-service educators will attend each workshop reflecting a total of 45 project participants. Attendees' content
knowledge will increase as reflected in Pre- and Post-evaluations. At least 80% of the attendees will incorporate content into their classrooms or other teaching
venues, as reflected in post-workshop follow-up surveys.
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9. Program Budget

There are two tabs on this page which need to be completed, the **Spreadsheet** and **Basis of Cost**.

a. Spreadsheet

- Click on the Spreadsheet tab
- Complete the Budget Spreadsheet tab, entering the amount of Grant funds being requested for People, Travel, Resource and Other Costs.

Program Budget

Please see the $\underline{\text{Help}}$ section for details on how to complete the Program Budget.



Budget Spreadsheet .

The first column indicates the amount of funding you are requesting from DEP. After completing the budget, please complete the Basis of Cost tab. Included is a Budget Narrative where you can provide a more detailed description of specific line items.

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Other Costs	Remove	\$0.00	\$0.00
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- Click on "Add funding source."
- Source Name: Enter "Match."
- Use the drop-down to select the best Source Type (Private, Local, State, or In-Kind).
- If multiple Funding Source Types (Federal, Cash, and In-Kind Match) will be provided, repeat the process for each Match Source Type.



• Click on "Save," then click on "Continue"

Program Budget

b. Basis of Cost Tab

- Click the Basis of Cost Tab
- Provide a brief narrative of the cost of each requested item.

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10. Program Addenda

- Applications requesting \$10,000 or more in grant funds are required to submit a completed **Worker Protection Form.**
- **Project Organization's Name** Enter the full legal name of the applying organization (DO NOT ABBREVIATE)
- **Entity Type** Use the dropdown menu to select the appropriate entity type for the applying organization.
- **Project Director Information** Provide project director's name, email, and telephone number.
- **Project Title** List project title
- **Grant Linkage** Select "Yes" or "No" to whether the grant application or scope of work is related to another EE grant proposal, Growing Greener grant, currently- or formerly-funded EE grant, or another grant program.

• Organization Qualifications and Experience:

- o List the credential of the applying organization specific to implementing the project.
- o Provide a list of all known team members who will be part of the project. Briefly describe their roles.
- Credentials of key people who will support successful delivery of the project. Examples of key people include Project Leader, support staff, consultants and partners.
- Subcontractors if used and known at time of application, list them by name and provide details of the work they will perform.

Project Proposal:

- o Describe project, including environmental education programs and activities to deliver during July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
- o Describe target audience. Detail project marketing outreach and strategy.
- O Select any of the priority areas covered by the grant program.
- o Describe how the proposed project works to promote educational content in priority areas. Include planned activities and planned outcomes.
- o Describe the established relationships the applying organization and/or the project partners have established with the audience, including any EJ or underserved populations.
- o Select "Yes" or "No" if the project is located within an EJ area and/or benefits an underserved population.
 - If "Yes," describe how the project will be beneficial to the environmental literacy of the underserved community.
 - Use the nine-digit Zip Code to verify communities within the EJ areas.
- o **Grant Track** Click the radio button to indicate grant level.
- Grant Type Click the radio button to indicate if formal or non-formal environmental education project.
- Detail the specific PA Academic Standards or best management practices (BMPs) that will be addressed. Include how the project will integrate a local context, be learner driven, etc.
- o Identify anticipated audience behavior change(s) by the conclusion of the project.
- Describe assessment tool/strategy that will be developed to measure audience behavior changes.
- Describe use of technology social media, web-based applications and other appropriate technological tools and resources.
- o Describe project sustainability plan after grant funds end.

- Scope of Work Download Scope of Work form, complete and upload to application.
- **Detailed Budget Sheet** Download Detailed Budget Sheet, complete and upload to application.
- Upload required letter(s) of commitment.

Addenda

Below are additional application requirements specific to the program you selected. If you are having problems completing the Addenda because your organization or project do not meet the requirements listed below, please try <u>changing your program</u>.

1. Applicant Information

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5. Upload required Detailed Budget Sheet

The Detailed Budget sheet reflects costs necessary to implement the Scope of Work. Download and complete the Detailed Budget Sheet (Excel) and upload completed form below.

<u>Download Grant Detailed Budget Sheet</u> ◆

Upload Files
Use the control below to select your file. Each file can be no larger than 30MB.

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6. Upload letter(s) of commitment

Signed Letters of Commitment are required from the applying organization and/or Partner(s) substantiating project Match. 💠

Upload Files
Use the control below to select your file. Each file can be no larger than 30MB.

File 1 Choose File No file chosen

For any application request totaling \$10,000 or more, please review the attached Worker Protection and Investment Notice (relating to Executive Order 2021-06).

If your request is for \$10,000 or more, please complete and upload the attached Worker Protection Form.

Upload Files
Use the control below to select your file. Each file can be no larger than 30MB.

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11. Certification and Submission

- If there is any missing information in your application, your screen will look similar to the following example.
- Under the orange "Application Certification" heading, it will state, "The following sections are incomplete. All required fields marked with a red diamond must be completed before you are able to submit this application".
- To add/correct the information on your application, click on the section heading to return to the page.

Application Certification

The following sections are incomplete.

- All required fields marked with a red diamond (♦) must be completed before you are able to submit this application.
- All conditional fields marked with a blue diamond (*) may be required to be completed before you are able to submit this application.

Applicant

· Mailing Address is required

Project Site Location(s)

· Project Site 1: PA House District is required.

Basis of Cost

- · Cost Basis is required.
- · Budget Narrative is required.

Addenda

Upload Scope of Work has not been uploaded.

Your application Is automatically saved as you work. Feel free to exit this application and return at a later time.

12. Complete the following fields:

- Indicate certification of application information by checking the related checkbox under the Electronic Signature Agreement.
- Indicate identity as one of the following:
 - o I am the applicant.
 - o I am an authorized representative of the company, organization or local government.
 - o I am a "Certified" Partner representative.
- Type your name in the "Type Name Here" block. This will serve as your official e-signature and authorizes your application.
- Check the "Electronic Attachment Agreement" box.
- Click on "Submit Application."

Application Certification

All of the required sections of the web application have been completed. If you have reviewed the application, you may submit it for processing. After submitting, you will no longer be able to make changes.

Electronic Signature Agreement:

□By checking this box and typing your name in the below textbox, I hereby certify that all information contained in the single application and supporting materials submitted via the Internet and its attachments are true and correct and accurately represent the status and economic condition of the Applicant, and I also certify that, if applying on behalf of the applicant, I have verified with an authorized representative of the Applicant that such information is true and correct and accurately represents the status and economic condition of the Applicant. I also understand that if I knowingly make a false statement or overvalue a security to obtain a grant and/or loan from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I may be subject to criminal prosecution in accordance with 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities) and 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729 and 3802 (relating to false claims and statements).

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(○ I am a "Certified" Partner representative.
	I am an authorized representative of the company, organization or local government
(I am the applicant.

Electronic Attachment Agreement:

□Along with the web application, if you have been requested or need to send any documentation to DEP please print and send a copy of your E-Signature and mail it to DEP along with any paper supporting documents. You will be given an opportunity to print the signature page along with a copy of the application immediately after you submit.

SUBMIT APPLICATION

13. Application Receipt Verification

- If you want a copy of your application, click the "Print Entire Applications with Signature Page" link. You will always be able to access your application with the username and password you created at the beginning of the application.
- Make sure to note the Single Application ID#. All future correspondence from the Department will reference this number.
- You do not need to send the signature page and/or any further documentation to the Grants Center. All the information needed is contained in your online submission.

Application Certification

Single Application ID #: 202408016049

The web application has been successfully submitted for processing.

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• **Congratulations!** You have completed the online application.