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\$10,000

Deadline November 30, 2005
If your environmental project includes more than just recycling,
see www.deq.state.ok.us for other or additional funding!!!



Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
Land Protection Division
P.O. Box 1677
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677

\$10,000
For Oklahoma Schools



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Guidelines...

1. Please submit a copy of your entry and budget form to the Department of Environmental Quality. Entries must be postmarked or received November 30, 2005. Sorry, no faxes will be accepted.
2. Awards will be made to Oklahoma schools (K-12). No awards will be made to individuals or to benefit specific individuals.
3. Schools may submit an entry every year, but are only eligible to be selected three times.
4. Schools exhibiting excellence may be eligible for more money.
5. Winners must attend an awards ceremony at the State Capitol in 2006 and preferably bring a select number of students to represent the school.

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Please send them to:

Bryce Hulsey
Land Protection Division,
Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 1677
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677

To personally visit with someone about the program contact:

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Activities...

Be Creative. The intent of the program is to encourage and promote recycling, waste reduction and solid waste education activities. Preference will be given to expenditures specifically related to recycling, waste reduction and solid waste education efforts. Money can be used for – but is not limited to signs, equipment, educational outreach to other classes and the community, classroom education, resources and program incentives.

(See examples on back page.)



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“Excellence in Recycling” Program...

Please include the following information on a cover letter with your typewritten entry:

- Name of School
- District
- Daytime Phone
(Best time of day to call)
- Contact Person
- Evening Phone
- E-mail Address
- Mailing Address
- Street Address
- Type of Program
(Education, Collection, Start-up or Expansion)
- Number of Students in School
- Number of Students Involved in Program



Tell Us About Your Program...

(Provide the following in a written summary)

1. Please describe your school's recycling or proposed recycling program.

Include the following information that applies to your program:

- a) What recyclables will be collected?
 - b) Who is responsible for running the program and training volunteers? (Students, custodians, parents, local businesses, community volunteers, etc.)
 - c) Where will your collected recyclables go? Be specific.
 - d) Describe your program and how it will be developed or expanded.
 - e) Describe your major accomplishments.
2. Describe your school's educational outreach program(s).
 3. Describe how the award funds will be used. Include the needs you seek to address.
 - * Entries should include a budget for \$1,000. The committee may award additional money for programs of excellence.
 4. Include a timeline that outlines how long it will take to implement your project.
 5. What other resources does your program use or propose to use to operate? (people, equipment, buildings, publicity, etc.)



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Previous Winners of the Weyerhaeuser “Excellence in Recycling” Award Program

Here is an overview of previous award winners and a brief description of their recycling and waste reduction programs. If you are interested in learning more about these programs or would like a copy of these entries, contact the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, (expand) operated a successful program by using cardboard and plastic trash bags. Funds were used to purchase recycling bins for paper and aluminum cans, allowing the school to operate a cleaner, more efficient program.

PONCA CITY SCHOOLS, (expand) received two awards: one for the middle school and one for Woodlands Elementary School. The middle school used the funds to help build a composting facility and to provide training on composting to district teachers. The elementary school used funds to purchase more permanent recycling containers and to expand school literature and videotapes on environmental issues.

PUTNAM CITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL, (expand) Oklahoma City operated a successful program that collects plastic pop bottles, paper, newspaper, cardboard and aluminum cans. Funds are being used to purchase new bins to collect newspaper in all classrooms that utilize the newspaper as a teaching tool and to purchase compost bins to recycle organic material from the cafeteria to make mulch for their butterfly garden.

REMLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, (education) Tulsa is using funds to implement a staff development program called Talking Cups. Students will give a program to staff about waste reduction. Each person on staff will be given a ceramic mug and plastic drinking glass with the recycle symbol and their name on them. Students will take a field trip to a recycling plant and local grocery store so they can choose for themselves the best environmental buys.

SEQUOYAH ELEMENTARY, Oklahoma City (expand) opened their recycling program to the community and needed to purchase equipment. They also began a school/community composting program and worm composting program.

UNDERCROFT MONTESSORI SCHOOL, Tulsa (expand) used award funds to purchase a composting tumbler to enable the students to compost food wastes.

WALTERS MIDDLE SCHOOL, (expand) added aluminum can recycling to their existing paper recycling program. They sponsored a variety of student competitions to encourage the 7th and 8th graders to collect paper and aluminum from downtown businesses.

WILL ROGERS ELEMENTARY, Edmond (excellence) houses a recycling center in the school foyer which accepts aluminum, paper, glass, newspaper, hangers, plastic and greeting cards. Grant funds helped them build an outdoor aluminum drop off center to make it easier for community supporters to recycle their cans.



ARROW SPRINGS ELEMENTARY, Broken Arrow (expand) is upgrading their outdoor composting program by adding two worm composting systems. A new education campaign will be started to teach students how to start and maintain an outdoor compost pile and indoor worm composting system.

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, (start-up) began a community-wide recycling program in the elementary school. Proceeds from the program helped them purchase a cardboard compactor.

CACHE HIGH SCHOOL, (expand) had a successful program that collected paper and aluminum. Award money was used to purchase additional collection and transportation equipment. At the end of each school year, a tree is planted to recognize every 100 lbs. of paper collected.



CHISOLM HIGH SCHOOL, Enid (expand) purchased a portable printer to print reports for their school company CHS Cartridge Recycling. The company collects inkjet, laser, copier, fax cartridges and paper. Records and program information are compiled on the company computer.

WALLACE BYRD MIDDLE SCHOOL, Colgate (started/education) up a recycling educational program in conjunction with the beginning of their recycling program. The principal and the class officers lead this program. Class officers will be responsible for the collection of all recyclables on school grounds. Recyclables that will be collected will be paper, plastic and aluminum. They used their award fund to purchase collection containers, a trailer and reusable cups for the faculty and staff.

FIRST LOVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, Elk City (expand) used their award money to start a community waste reduction program. Supplies were purchased to make canvas shopping bags. Proceeds from the sale of the bags are used for environmental education activities and improvements at the school.

JENKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, (excellence) operated a successful recycling program for almost ten years when they won an award. They used the award money to add paper-recycling boxes to their program and to enhance their recycling education and awareness programs.

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY, Norman (expand) used their award funds to: purchase a stackable composter, purchase supplies to plant a butterfly garden, educational software and CD-ROMs, pay for transportation for community outreach, soil testing kit and a grow-lab mobile garden. They have an active Ecology Club, which does extensive outreach to teach students about the importance of recycling.

NAVAJO JR. HIGH, Altus (expand) built outdoor recycling bins for storage of materials allowing them to expand their program to members of the community. They also used funds to begin a composting program and to distribute educational materials to the community.

OKARCHE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, (expand) purchased large wheeled bins because their program was collecting such a high volume of paper. They also used award funds to pay for durable signs for the baseball field and school gymnasium, addressing waste disposal and recycling. A tree or bush will be planted on school grounds for every 100 pounds of paper recycled. The remaining funds were used to reward students and volunteers.

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