



2015 USGBC-NJ Chapter Student Award

The US Green Building Council New Jersey Chapter recognizes the importance of sustainability in education and is currently seeking nominations for student projects.

In support of the student award the NJ School Boards Association commends sustainability initiatives and opportunities that place students in the role of active learners and by their actions impact the environment of the school and the community in a positive way.

Students that can demonstrate their contributions and efforts to a healthier environment will be eligible for this award.

There are two STUDENT categories: K-12; and Higher Ed. Please indicate which category you are applying under. A winner will be chosen in each of the 2 categories.

The award winner/s will be contacted in advance, and the award will be presented to the student award winner at the **13th Annual Emerald Awards Gala** on October 30, 2015. For info on the Gala, [click here](#). \$500 will be awarded to each winner.

Deadline for submission is Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Please submit this form via e-mail to: executivedirector@USGBCNJ.org and cc communications@usgbcnj.org.

Nomination forms can be found [here](#).

NJSBA has a full-time sustainability professional that can help answer questions you may have regarding student project. Please contact:

John Henry at jhenry@njsba.org.

Criteria, eligibility and award requirements are as follows:

Award Criteria (students can choose one or more criteria)

- Inspires or teaches others about sustainable practices.



- Connects Environmental Science or Education for Sustainability to the green building industry
- Demonstrates actions or strategies that help reduce the impact of Co2 emissions through innovative student designed projects or events.
- Demonstrates the economic and environmental value for sustainable design and construction of buildings
- Demonstrates leadership action steps that result in the conservation of materials and resources, behavioral or policy changes in a school or the community
- Promotes and educates about renewable energy sources, energy management strategies or energy efficiency practices

Eligibility:

- Middle through High School Students in public or private schools.
- A student (or team of students) involved in an **existing/on-going** or a new project that satisfies one or more of the award criteria for the 2013- 2014 school year that can successfully demonstrate that the outcomes/results of the project have made a positive impact on the environment.

Timeline: Project submissions are being accepted now through **Wednesday, September 16, 2015.**

Student Award Requirements:

1. Essay: (30% of the project)

750 word description/essay that captures both the personal or collaborative efforts and motivations behind the project and also how this project will inspire and/or educate others.

2. Project Details: (70% of the project) (Presented in PDF format)

Project must include the following items:

- Name of project.
- Name of student(s).



- Project focus/category. Example, renewable energy, recycling, conservation, green advocacy, sustainability policy and strategic plan modifications at the district level, etc.
- Documentation of important action steps of the project that lead to a sustainable solution(s) including but not limited to, renderings, photographs or video. (Green Portfolio)
- Names of people, mentors, teachers, board members and organizations that participated and or provided support and resources for the project.
- Research sources and resources that assisted your project obtain its goal.

Any questions, please contact communications@usgbcnj.org.

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