



# Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators

The EPA's Office of Environmental Education wishes to recognize outstanding kindergarten through grade 12 teachers who apply innovative approaches to environmental education and use the environment as a context for exploratory and integrated learning.

Are you a teacher, or do you know an outstanding teacher, who uses innovative approaches to teach about environmental education?



In spring 2012, 20 teachers nationwide will receive awards of \$2,000 to advance their professional development in environmental education. Each teacher's school will also receive a \$2,000 award to fund environmental education activities and programs that support the teacher.

**Application Deadline**  
Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by January 31, 2012, to be eligible for consideration.

To learn more, visit:  
[www.epa.gov/education/teacheraward](http://www.epa.gov/education/teacheraward)

The Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators program is sponsored by the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



- Check for eligibility.** Teachers must meet the following 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 Affairs
  - ✓ 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 a minimum of 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