



ACE SCHOOL ACTION GRANT Carbon Reduction Grants for High School Action Teams

The ACE School Action Grant program promotes student-led projects that will lower school and community carbon footprints and raise climate awareness in significant and sustainable ways. ACE encourages students and schools to take results-oriented action at all levels and unite in a collaborative effort to fight global climate change.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE: \$2,500 and \$5,000 individual grants (up to \$35,000 total) are available to help schools develop and implement carbon reducing, awareness raising projects and initiatives. ACE will award grants in the spring of 2010 for the 2010-2011 academic year.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any student member of an ACE Action Team that has seen an ACE presentation or is scheduled to see an ACE presentation during the 2009-2010 academic school year can apply on behalf of his or her school.

HOW TO APPLY: Complete the ACE School Action Grant application and submit it by March 12th, 2010. Complete applications must include a detailed grant proposal worksheet as well as three letters of support from: (1) the school's Principal or Head of School, (2) a committed administrator or faculty advisor at the school, and (3) another 9th-11th grade student who is a committed member of the student led ACE Action Team.

Submit Applications:

Email: grants@climateeducation.org

Fax: 510.419.0383

Mail: Alliance for Climate Education
c/o Grants Department
360 22nd St., Ste 730
Oakland, CA 94612

HOW TO GET STARTED: ACE encourages school-wide collaborative efforts in preparing grant proposals and implementing proposed project. Action Teams are encouraged to seek advice from school faculty and administration during the grant writing process. ACE also recommends that applicants review ACE's high school Action Toolkit at www.acespace.org/toolkit. This toolkit, developed in collaboration with Earth Day Network, is intended to help students and schools organize and strategize a plan for leading successful initiatives.

ACE encourages proposals that promote climate literacy and taking action within the school community and beyond, including implementation of low to no-cost activities and initiatives.



KICK OFF MEETING: In early summer of 2010, grant winning Action Teams will be required to meet with regional ACE staff to discuss their grant proposals. This initial meeting should last approximately 3 hours.

CHECK INS: ACE staff will be meeting individually with grant winning Action Teams again in November of 2010 for a brief mid-year check-in. Prior to these meetings, lead grant writers will be asked to submit a short written update on their project and mention any changes to the original proposal. This check-in meeting will be scheduled at a time convenient for the school team. Finally, a report summarizing accomplishments achieved during the 2010-2011 school year under the grant program is due one year after the grant is awarded.

TIMELINE:

Grant Application Due:	March 12 th 2010
Grant Winners Announced:	Early April, 2010
Kick Off Meeting:	Early Summer, 2010
Check In:	November, 2010
Final Report Due:	May 1, 2011

JUDGING CRITERIA: on a 100 point Scale:

Carbon Reduction Impact	15 points	Climate Awareness Impact	15 points
Goals, Creativity, and Innovation	10 points	Letters of Support	10 points
Student Involvement	25 points	Long Term Sustainability	10 points
Low to No-Cost Activities	15 points		



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Grant Application – Part I

Name of lead student grant writer:

Graduation year of lead student grant writer:

Email of lead student grant writer:

Phone number of lead student grant writer:

ACE Action Team name:

School name:

School address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Number of students in school:

Project sponsor (school administrator or teacher) information:

Sponsor name:

Phone number:

Email:

Team members: Fellow students committed to project. (Must have at least 2 student members in addition to lead grant writer on team who will be actively involved during the 2010-2011 school year.)

Name:

Name:

Email:

Email:

Phone:

Phone:

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Attach letters of support from:

School Principal or Head of School

School faculty/administrator sponsor

Member of Action Team (must be a current 9th, 10th, or 11th grade student)



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Grant Application – Part II

PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 250-500 WORDS

Briefly describe key components of your proposed project and how it will reduce the carbon footprint of your school while also increasing climate awareness. Discuss how benefits from your project will be sustained beyond the one-time grant and also any potential opportunities to replicate or expand the project to other schools. Please indicate (if applicable) any plans to combine other funds with the ACE School Action Grant to help you carry out your project. Finally, please describe the low to no-cost activities you also plan to take to lower carbon emissions and/or raise climate awareness within your school (and if applicable, your community).



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DETAILED PROJECT BREAKDOWN (WORKSHEET)

Project Description: Provide a detailed description of your proposed project. Include:

GOALS: What you intend to accomplish with your project in terms of carbon emissions reductions and number of people involved. (Goals should be quantifiable.)

ACTIVITIES: Actions you plan to implement to achieve your overall project goals, including: facility improvements, changes to certain school operations, educational opportunities, initiatives to raise climate awareness, school events, and/or community involvement. Please be specific.

Project Budget: Provide a detailed budget of either \$2,500 or \$5,000. (May only apply for one of the two offered amounts.) Explain how the funds will be used. Include specific information such as types of materials, equipment, and services needed. Include a list of matching funds or other funding sources (if applicable) to be used for your project.

Project Evaluations: Describe specific milestones (dates) and measurements (quantifiable) you plan to use to evaluate the success of your project.