



NYSERDA extends deadline for classroom projects application

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The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is extending the deadline to apply for awards to support classroom projects designed to increase students' knowledge about energy efficiency and sustainability in their homes. Applications will now be accepted through November 30.

NYSERDA previously has supported hands-on classroom projects on a wide range of energy efficiency and renewable energy topics as part of its K-12 Energy Smart Students Program. This year, for the first time, the award program is designed to recognize the impact that children and teens can have on energy consumption in their homes.

A minimum of 20 awards of up to \$750 are available for educators based on creativity in discussing energy efficiency and the extent to which projects allow students to take a leadership role in energy efficiency and sustainability efforts. Teachers in kindergarten through grade 12 as well as community educators and museum educators are welcome to apply. Extra points will be awarded to schools with more than 50% of students receiving free or reduced-price lunches and for projects adopting a multi-disciplinary approach involving two or more subject areas.

Funds can be used to purchase supplies or equipment for use in hands-on activities related to energy efficiency in the home or for community education events.

Awards are available for educators whose programs are located in communities served by one of New York's investor-owned utilities: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.; Consolidated Edison of New York Inc.; National Grid; New York State Electric & Gas Corp.; Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation; and Orange & Rockland Utilities Inc.

For more information, please visit nyserda.ny.gov and click on "Energy Education and Workforce Development." The application and proposal package can be accessed under "Funding Opportunities." Winning projects from previous years are also posted for review.

The Energy Smart Students Program provides educators with opportunities to learn about energy and its impact on the environment and economy. The program offers curricula and hands-on, applications-based workshops year-round and across the state. All workshops are free to eligible participants.

NYSERDA, a public benefit corporation, offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise, and funding to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy, and reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. NYSERDA professionals work to protect our environment and create clean-energy jobs. NYSERDA has been developing partnerships to advance innovative energy solutions in New York since 1975.

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