

## **Center for Climate Protection Youth Scholarship**

In all of human history, we have never known an existential threat like climate change. But humans are cognitively wired to deny, ignore, or remain complacent to the crisis regardless of the floods, droughts, wildfires, rising sea levels, and other evidence surrounding us. With the current federal administration, climate change deniers and fossil fuel leaders have ascended to positions of great power. Given this reality, we must step up. The need for scientifically accurate climate education and positive action is more important than ever. Young people are on the front line of this movement, and the Center for Climate Protection has been investing in youth leadership for many years. ECO2school's World Changers Career Pathways Scholarship engages the next generation of problem solvers and creative thinkers to apply themselves to positive solutions to the climate challenge.

World Changers is a merit-based scholarship for graduating seniors who have engaged in community projects with measureable carbon dioxide emission reductions. A strong applicant will be able to clearly articulate their leadership in both planning and organizing activities that tangibly reduce greenhouse gas emissions here in Sonoma County.

### **Rules & Regulations**

- Only 1 entry allowed per person or group
- Students can apply as a group or team, all teammates should be graduating seniors
- Only completed applications will be reviewed
- All photos should be accompanied by a model release form for anyone who appears in the photos
- Judges are selected by ECO2school. All judging decisions are final
- Three judges will individually review each application based on evaluation criteria:
  - 45 points results of your project, GHG emission reduction, number of people reached and leadership
  - 40 points on the clarity of your goals, methodology, outcome and results
  - 15 points personal transformation

Applications, photos and letters of recommendation should be submitted via email to [eco2school@climateprotection.org](mailto:eco2school@climateprotection.org)

All submissions should include:

- Entry Form
- 5 Photos
- Model release forms

## Application Guidelines

Name: First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ *only seniors graduating in good standing can apply*

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Mates (if applicable) *Award amount is not contingent on the number of people.*

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**Project Overview** (30 words or 190 characters or less):

*Clearly and briefly summarize your project.*

**Length of project:**

- Project start date: *When did you begin planning the project, not just the day or days of an event.*
- Project end date: *When did you complete the project including evaluation and sharing results?*
- Number of hours spent: *Include the total number of hours spent not just on implementation but also, planning, outreach and evaluation.*

**Number of pounds (or tons) of greenhouse gases reduced** *This number will be quantified when you articulate your measurement strategy.*

**Number of people reached:**

**Project Summary** (250 words or 1,700 characters or less):

*A concise description of your project. Answer the questions:*

- What was the problem you were addressing?
- How did you measure greenhouse gas emissions reductions?
- What was the outcome of your project?
- What was your role? If you had teammates? Who did what?
- Who was your target audience? How successful were you at reaching them?
- In what ways did you engage community?

**Photo essay: Five Pictures with a 100 word (or 660 character) or less description for each.**

*Model Release forms must be signed for anyone who appears in the photos*

*Photos should be high resolution, 1-3 megabytes*

*Photos should help you tell the story of the project and give reviewers a visual interpretation of your work. No filters or artistic editing needed.*

Photo guidelines

1. What was your climate solution?

2. Who are the people you engaged and the people you impacted?
3. How did you do it?
4. How did you share your results with your community?
5. Where did you demonstrate your leadership (organizing, advocacy, etc.)?

**Conclusion** (250 words or 1,700 characters or less):

*Leave us with an interesting final impression. Address the questions:*

- What did you learn along?
- What was a challenge you had to overcome to be successful?
- Will this project continue?
- How does this project fit into your personal goals?
- What would be your recommendation for a next step?

**Special Consideration** (100 words or 660 characters or less)

Is there anything we should know about you or your project that you have not yet shared?

*If you have a video link share it here.*