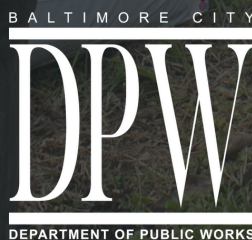


# ECO-WARRIORS OF THE FUTURE SCHOOLS COMPETITION

CLEANER, GREENER, BEAUTIFUL BALTIMORE



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**DPW VOLUNTEER NETWORK**  
BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works (DPW) invites elementary (K-5), middle (6-8) and high (9-12) schools located in Baltimore City to participate in the **2022-2023 Eco-Warriors of the Future Competition**. The

Eco-Warriors of the Future Competition encourages elementary, middle and high schools to join the City's efforts in making Baltimore cleaner, greener, beautiful Baltimore.

Eco-Warriors of the Future Competition promotes students, their families and school communities to work collaboratively together to tackle environmental issues. Eco-Warriors serve and protect our environment and communities by proactively rising to the call to action to promote a clean living and healthy sustainable City.

Eco-Warriors are:

- ✓ Creative
- ✓ Innovative
- ✓ Ambitious
- ✓ Aware
- ✓ Helpful

# Eco-Warriors





# Acceptable Service Learning Projects

Participating schools must create school-wide and/or team service projects related to the following focus areas:

- **Anti-Littering**  
"One Piece at a Time"
- **Beautification**  
"Clean Up So You Can Go Outside"
- **Recycling**  
"Paint a CLEAN picture, GO GREEN"
- **Water Preservation**  
"Every Drop Counts"

## Project Themes

When selecting your school and/or team's service project theme, please make certain service projects address one of the competition's focus areas. Service project themes are:

- **Planting Seeds for Our Future** – (build community gardens, clean playground, local park, school and school community)
- **Get Creative for a Cause** – (host an America's Recycles Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and/or Earth Day event at your School; create a webpage with Green Tips; social media campaign)
- **Music for the Moment** – (write and produce a song and/or video that educates and inspires people to be environmentally aware)
- **Pretty as a Picture** – (draw or create artwork including but not limited to posters, prose or short film)
- **Trash to Treasure** – (recycle the world around you to design an inspirational art collection)

# Competition Timeline and Information



## **When Will the Eco-Warriors of the Future Competition Take Place?**

The Eco-Warriors of the Future Competition will take place from October 17, 2022 to April 28, 2023. Monthly reports and submissions must be received by 4:00 PM on 1st Monday of each month.

All online submissions should be sent to [DPW.VolunteersMailbox@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:DPW.VolunteersMailbox@baltimorecity.gov). All mailed or hand-delivered entries should be sent to:

Department of Public Works  
Attn: Keita S. Wells  
200 Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202



# Earn Eco-Warrior Badge Rewards and Service Learning Hours

## Earn Eco-Warriors badge rewards by:

- Become a Green School (**100 badges**)
- Sign up to participate in the 2022-2023 School Recycling Program with the Department of Public Works (**100 badges**)
- Host a Family, School & Community Engagement event including but not limited to America Recycles Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Earth Day focused on a Cleaner, Greener, Beautiful Baltimore (**50 badges**)
- Host a school assembly on anti-littering or recycling (**50 badges**)
- Tour one of DPW's water or sanitation facilities (**50 badges**)
- Start a Recycling Club at your school (**25 badges**)
- Have a member of the DPW Guest Speakers Series present at your school (**25 badges**)
- Have a Cleaning and Greening display in the school lobby (**25 badges**)
- Submit required monthly reports on-time (**10 badges per month**)
- Submit signed Eco-Warrior Family Pledge Cards (**2 badges per each family**)
- Recruit a volunteer in your community (**1 badge per volunteer**)



## How It Works



# Earn a Chance to Win a Grand Prize

## Monetary Prizes and Certificates

- All entrants will be acknowledged with an Eco-Warriors of the Future Certificate.
- Schools will be contacted through email if your entry is selected to be awarded and showcased by May 8, 2023.
- If your school's entry is selected for display, the school principal, school representative and designated students will be invited to present your school's entry at a public event.

Schools can win the following grand prizes:

### Elementary School

1st Place \$2,500

2nd Place \$1,000

3rd Place \$500

### Middle School

1st Place \$2,500

2nd Place \$1,000

3rd Place \$500

### High School

1st Place \$2,500

2nd Place \$1,000

3rd Place \$500

- Monetary prizes will be distributed by the Baltimore Civic Fund.
- 1st Place grand prize winners will also receive a Special Event (e.g. Mini Truck Day, DPW Character Visit, Field Day, Skate Party, Special Guest Visit).



# Eco-Warriors Project Submissions

## Rules & Submission Guidelines

All entries must be submitted by a School Administrator, designated school representative, or authorized educator. When submitting an entry through the mail, a paper School Entry form must be attached. All entries must include:

- List of Materials
- Completed Entry Form
- A Written Description The written description must include:
  - Environmental Issue
  - Purpose of Project (i.e. 1-2 Project Goals)
  - Action Steps Taken to Resolve Environmental Issue
  - How Did the School Promote the Project?
  - Successes and Challenges Experienced during Project Execution An entry that does not fully meet all submission guidelines and criteria will be disqualified

## Criteria for Eco-Warriors Project Submissions (By Category)

Schools participating in the Eco-Warriors of the Future Competition understands that:

- All entries must have content that complies with all local and national laws of the country of origin and the United States. Content must not 1) promote illegal behavior; 2) support racial, religious, sexual or other invidious prejudice; 3) advocate sexual or violent exploitation; or 4) violate rights established by law or agreement.
- Each entry must be an original concept: The entry may not be a reproduction of an image from a third party's work in the same or any other medium; the work may not infringe upon the rights of any third party; the work may not violate the U.S. Copyright Laws. Plagiarism of any kind will result in disqualification. • Entrants must submit a cite a list of sources used.
- The Department of Public Works reserves the right to refuse any entries that are deemed inappropriate.
- All artwork entries must have been created during the competition timeline (October 17, 2022 – April 28, 2023).
- Entrants grant the Department of Public Works the right to use their names, photographs, statements, quotes, testimonials, and video submissions for advertising, publicity, and promotional purposes without notification or further compensation.

# Criteria for Eco-Warriors Project Submissions (By Category) Cont'd

- Entrants grant the Department of Public Works the right to use, reproduce, reprint, distribute, perform, and/or display the entrant's project video without further compensation or notification to the entrant.
- The Department of Public Works maintains the right to reproduce, reprint, distribute, perform, display, or exhibit the project for advertising, publicity, and promotional purposes on their website, at conferences, or at any other venues.
- Entrants grant the Department of Public Works non-exclusive rights to screen (non – commercial) their film / entry on the website, conferences and any other associated screenings.
- The Film must not contain any copyrighted work(s) belonging to third parties unless (1) Entrants have a license to use such works in the film. Entrants will retain any necessary licenses and provide them to the Department of Public Works upon request

## Specific Categories

### Artwork:

- Artwork must be two-dimensional, and within the following categories for acceptance into the show:
  - Painting - watercolor, oil & acrylics • Drawings - pencil, colored pencil, markers, ink, pastels and charcoal
  - Mixed Media - use of two or more medium's such as pencil, ink etc.
  - Computer Generated Art -original computer generated images
  - Photography - can include computer editing as long as the integrity of the piece remains intact.
- Picture Collage and Poster entries should be at least 24x36.
- Poster entries should be at least 88x110.5.
- Digital artwork should be submitted in a JPEG or ENS file format.
- Only one (1) art collection incl. a maximum of 10 art pieces can be entered per school.

### Short Film:

- Films shall not exceed a maximum of 4 minutes in length, including the beginning and end credits. Films exceeding this time limit are liable to be rejected. The maximum time length should include 30 seconds for credits.
- The short films may be in their original language. All subtitles must be in English. Films submitted previously to any other festival will not be considered for this contest. If found later, will be disqualified from the competition and cash grant prizes withheld.
- The films may be shot in MPEG4 or AVI format.
- Only one (1) short film can be entered per school.



## Specific Categories Cont'd

### Videography:

- All entries must be a digital video.
- The length of the video should not exceed 90 seconds.
- Students should keep at least one copy of their video. The Department of Public Works is not responsible for any films that are lost, damaged, or that do not upload properly.
- Ownership of the underlying intellectual property of the project remains with the entrant, with the following exceptions.
- Only one (1) video can be entered per school.

### Music:

- All entries must be a digital video.
- The length of the video should not exceed 3 minutes.
- MP3 format audio is preferred. Individual songs need to be under 10MB. Attach audio files of your songs.
- If mailing song entry, please record the song on a single CD.
- A typed lyric sheet must be submitted with all song entries.
- Only one (1) song can be entered per school.

### Social Media:

- Social Media entries must focus on at least one (1) of the given competition service project themes.
- Schools must provide a URL to the school website link designated for this social media advocacy project.
- A picture of the webpage must be submitted
- A Log of dates and actual social media entries (Twitter, Facebook, NextDoor and/or Instagram posts, blogs, etc.)
- A screenshot of the final analytics (i.e. # of likes, comments) for each social media entry.

### Community Engagement:

- Create a community service project in which the entire school community (incl. students, teachers, families and community) can participate.
- Community Service projects must focus on at least one (1) of the given competition service project themes.
- Date, Time, Service Location, Community Served, # of Volunteers must be submitted.
- Photos of community service project must be submitted. • # of Volunteers, Volunteer List and Event Sign-In Sheets must be included.