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Apply for the US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) award honoring public and nonpublic early childhood, elementary, middle and high schools, school districts and institutions of higher education (depending on State program participation) that demonstrate high achievement in all three of the following areas:

- ❖ Reducing environmental impact and costs
- ❖ Improving health and wellness of schools, students and staff
- ❖ Providing effective environmental and sustainability education

Awardees receive state and national recognition, and an invitation to the national ceremony in Washington, DC. The awards are announced on Earth Day and the national award ceremony occurs during the summer.

PreK-12 public and nonpublic schools must apply to the New York State Education Department to be nominated for the award. Through the application process members from various sectors of the school community collaborate to improve their efforts toward sustainability. Applying for the award provides an opportunity to review strategies for improved energy efficiency, water quality, waste reduction, alternative transportation, integrated environmental health practices, and curriculum for instruction that effectively incorporates STEM, civic skills, and green career pathways.

[View the application and information about the New York State Green Ribbon Schools program](#) or contact Rosanne Groff, RA, Assoc. Architect, NYS Department of Education at 518-473-8486. [View information about the national Green Ribbon Schools program.](#)

2016 NYS Green Ribbon Schools Award Timeline

- July 15th – NYS Green Ribbon Schools Application available
- November 13th – NYS Green Ribbon Schools Application due
- February – NYS Green Ribbon Schools nominees announced
- April 22nd – US ED Green Ribbon Schools awardees announced

