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## News Release

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### **Environmental Education Grants Now Available**

The Oklahoma Environmental Quality Education Committee invites qualified individuals to apply for a grant to promote enthusiasm in young people for learning about the environment and natural resources. You must be an Oklahoma teacher, public or private (Pre K – 12), school environmental club, youth group leader, and/or organization with a youth component to apply for the grant.

Applicants may apply for amounts from \$100 up to \$1,000 per grant. A total of \$14,000 will be awarded in early 2011 to winning applicants. Eligible categories include: environmental club projects, green school efforts, edible school gardens, environmental education projects, outdoor classroom revitalization, and recycling and composting programs. Deadline for submission of grant applications is December 1, 2011. Recipients will be selected by December 31, 2011.

Information on allowable expenditures, application criteria, and examples of previous applications is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/eepage.htm>. Last year, grants were awarded to schools in Blanchard, Broken Arrow, Checotah, Edmond, Inola, Maysville, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, Ripley, Sapulpa, Sayre, Stillwater, Stillwell, Tulsa, Wellston and Wynona.

Funds for the program are generated by the sale of the Environmental Education License Tag. The environmental license tag may be personalized with any combination of six letters and spaces (subject to availability). If the tag is not personalized, the standard prefix of ENV will be assigned along with three numbers. Applications may be obtained at your local tag agency or by visiting <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/eetag.htm>.

The Oklahoma Environmental Quality Education Committee of the DEQ sponsors this grant program. The committee is comprised of state agency representatives, teachers, and corporate representatives. The mission of the committee is to help the general public become more aware of actions and activities that will help preserve and protect Oklahoma's environment.

For more information on this grant opportunity, please visit <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/pubs/lpd/eegrant10.pdf> or contact Erin Hatfield at [erin.hatfield@deq.ok.gov](mailto:erin.hatfield@deq.ok.gov).

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