



# Maryland Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Resources Education Grant Application For Watershed Organizations Working with Schools



Complete the form below and return to the address below. Please use additional pages as necessary.

<b>Project Title</b>		<b>Date</b>
<b>Organization:</b>		
<b>Contact Information</b>		<b>Federal Identification Number</b>
Name:	<b>School Information</b> Name of School:	
Address:	Primary Contact:	
County:	Address:	<b>Dollar Amount Requested</b>
Phone:	County:	\$ _____
Fax:	Phone:	<b>Project Start and End Dates:</b>
Email:	Fax:	
Email:	Email:	
<b>Abstract</b> - Include: 1) a brief description of your project, 2) a statement of how the project will improve or enhance Maryland's aquatic resources, and 3) goals and objectives.		
<b>Strategies</b> - Describe the strategies necessary to implement the project. Include any materials produced, in-service components, classroom/laboratory/outdoor components of the project, and student participation. Please identify student service learning hours.		
<b>Project Personnel</b> - Names and title of staff and project consultants.		
<b>Evaluation</b> - How will you determine if your project goals have been met? (Upon completion of project, a brief project report will be required.)		
<b>Budget Breakdown</b> - Identify funding needed in line item detail (item, quantity, price per item, and totals). Show any matching funds or support from other sources.		
<b>Watershed Organization Fiscal Officer Signature</b>  _____		

Return completed application to: Cindy Etgen, MD DNR, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-2, Annapolis, MD 21401.  
For additional information call (410) 260-8716 or email cetgen@dnr.state.md.us.

- ✓ Watershed organizations with 501c-3 status working with a school/schools on a specific aquatic based project are eligible to apply for up to \$2,500 per year. *A letter of support from the Principal of that school must be attached to the application.*
- ✓ Once grant approval paperwork is received by the organization, the organization may bill the ARE Program for 75% of the grant award and the remaining 25% once the project is complete and the final report is received by the ARE Program.
- ✓ Grant request must have a connection to water and Maryland's Aquatic Resources. Service learning and enhancement projects are strongly encouraged! Examples of projects that ARE Grants Program funds: BayScaping, Rain Gardens, Stream Clean ups, Oyster Gardening, riparian buffer plantings, Storm Drain Stenciling, and more!
- ✓ The ARE Grants Program can not fund: food, computer or video equipment, software, prizes, t-shirts or other promotional items, reimbursement for completed projects, program admission fees or big ticket field or classroom equipment, fund-raising projects or related costs, general operating budgets or field trips.
- ✓ The ARE Program encourages matching funds, partnerships, technical support from local resources, and volunteer time! Grant applications that provide matching funds/support from other sources are encouraged.

**For more information contact Cindy Etgen at 410-260-8716**

**or [cetgen@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:cetgen@dnr.state.md.us).**

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## Grant Application & Guidelines

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