



School District Sustainability Scholarship

The [Center for Green Schools](#) believes that all students deserve to attend sustainable schools that enhance their health and prepare them for 21st century careers. Our work brings sustainability to life in the classroom and encourages communities to work together toward a future that is healthier for people and the planet.

Impacting Schools through Sustainability

Schools and districts are finding that the environments they provide for teaching and learning need to reflect the aspirations that they want their students to develop for a healthy and environmentally sustainable future. Additionally, research tells us that the condition of school environments impacts both children and adults, affecting concentration, retention of information, respiratory health, alertness and basic ability to hear and understand those around them.

At the Center, we help school districts optimize environments for learning, conserve resources and put money back into the classroom where it belongs. We know that, even in these challenging economic times, districts are doing everything they can to provide their students with a quality education and a safe place to learn. We want to support your district in implementing whole-school sustainability, giving every student one more opportunity to succeed.

Green Schools Scholarship

The School District Sustainability Scholarship provides targeted education and technical support from the Center and its partners, for staff who spend at least 50% of their time dedicated to fulfilling the district's sustainability objectives. The Scholarship is valued at \$20,000 and includes the following training and benefits:

- Travel, lodging and attendance for the scholar at the 2018 [Greenbuild International Conference and Expo](#)
- Travel, lodging and attendance for the scholar and one colleague at the 2019 [Green Schools Conference](#)
- Travel, lodging and attendance for the scholar at the annual summit for School Sustainability Leaders (hosted in conjunction with the Green Schools Conference in St. Paul, April 10-11, 2019)
- Ongoing training through personal and small group coaching
- Limited complimentary year-long access to several school resources from USGBC, including [Learning Lab](#), [Arc](#), the [Green Classroom Professional Certificate](#), and [LEED Coach](#) for school projects.

“THERE’S NO DOUBT THAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP HELPED ME ADVANCE MY DISTRICTS’ SUSTAINABILITY BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS. I DO ALOT FOR MY JOB, AVERAGING 50-60 HOURS WEEKLY SO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MYSELF WAS NOT ON MY AGENDA AT ALL UNTIL I BECAME A SCHOLAR. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY!” - 2017-18 SCHOLAR

Transforming Schools and Communities

Each district we work with, of every shape and size, is dedicated to positively impacting the health and performance of the thousands of students, teachers and staff that it serves and blazing the trail for other districts to follow. We hope your district will [apply for a School District Scholarship](#) and join our efforts to provide all students with healthy and inspiring schools that support their dreams for a brighter future.

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