



**DRI GreenPower School Request for Participation
2011-2012 School Year**

Let us help you teach your students about renewable energy, conservation, and sustainability. By becoming a GreenPower school, you'll get hands-on teaching tools, age-appropriate books, professional development opportunities, quarterly GreenPower e-newsletters, access to other Nevada GreenPower schools, and professional assistance with special projects – all for free! Requirements for participating schools appear at the end of this application. Please review all requirements carefully.

Please fill out the following form, using the "Tab" key to advance through the various fields until the form is completed. Save the completed form and email it to [Karen Severin](#). Contact Karen at 775.673.7412 or 702.862.5392 with any questions.

Date of Application:

School Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Principal:

Grade Levels Served:

Names and contact information for school's GreenPower participants:

1. Name:

2. Name:

Email Address:

Email Address:

3. Name:

4. Name:

Email Address:

Email Address:

Is your school a STEM Academy? Yes No

How did you hear about the GreenPower program?

Why do you want to be involved in the GreenPower program?

Please describe existing (if any) renewable energy, sustainability, or energy conservation practices currently at your school:



How would your school ensure the program continues to be supported in the event of an administrative or staff assignment change?

Is there any other information about your school you wish us to know in support of your application?

Please review the Requirements for Participating Schools below , then select which options your school will strive to achieve by marking the corresponding checkboxes.

Requirements for Participating Schools

GreenPower toolkits are provided to schools upon acceptance into the program. Future inclusion in the GreenPower program is dependent upon a school's demonstration of commitment to the GreenPower teachings and is evaluated by the completion of a minimum of four self-selected criteria from the categories below, within the current school year. Please choose at least two options from Category A and at least one option from Categories B **and** C. Applications must include the options the school intends to complete, with the understanding that the school's list may be subject to change. Please submit all changes to the GreenPower Administrator via email.

NOTE: Schools outside of Clark, Washoe, Carson City, Lyon, Nye, Storey, and Douglas counties may choose one option from Category A and the remaining three options from Categories B & C. If any other school would like special consideration please submit a short note of explanation with your renewal form.

A. Professional Development (choose at least two)

1.	Annual GreenPower Teacher Training: Hosted by GreenPower with a wide-variety of industry-experts, the annual teacher training is a great way to get started with GreenPower or expand your current knowledge-base! Send one or a team of up to four teachers to the annual training (2012 dates to be announced). Trainings are full-day covering a variety of subjects focused on renewable energy, conservation, and sustainability. Substitute teacher reimbursement, meals, and materials are provided; long-distance travelers will be compensated for mileage. Online registration is required one month in advance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Monthly GreenPower Workshops: Hosted by GreenPower and conducted by our partner organization, Sierra Nevada Journeys, these workshops alternate monthly between DRI's Reno and Las Vegas campuses. Each two hour, hands-on	<input type="checkbox"/>



	workshop covers three major content areas: Energy & Society (including Project Learning Tree Energy & Society curriculum, music CDs, dance DVDs, and posters), a GreenPower toolkit item(s), and the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle). Two teachers minimum, four teachers maximum required per school. Workshops will alternate between weekday evenings (4:00 – 6:00 PM) and Saturday mornings (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM). Online registration is required at least two weeks in advance, check GreenPower website for workshop dates and locations. At least nine participants are required for workshops to be held; fewer than nine may result in cancellation. Attendees will be notified and offered a future workshop date. One workshop in both locations will be dedicated to New GreenPower Schools. Please check the website for dates and times.	
3.	GreenPower Hydroponics Training: Want to grow plants in your classroom year round? Go one step further with hydroponics! Whether you teach kindergarten or 12th grade, growing plants without soil is a great way to set up inquiry-based experiments with your students, make academic connections to science and math, and bring some green into your classroom. Hosted by GreenPower and conducted by our partner organization, Urban Roots Garden Classrooms, two Hydroponics Training workshops will be offered: Basic (5 hours) and Advanced (3 hours) . Up to 3 teachers per school / one session per school only. Check the GreenPower website for exact dates, times, and locations. Seating is limited: online registration is required one month in advance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	GreenPower Energy Auditing Training: <i>Middle and High-School Educators Only</i> Learn how to lead your students on a school site assessment to discover potential energy savings. The workshop covers the six main areas of energy consumption: lighting, appliances/plug load, hot water, building envelope, heating, and cooling. Gain the knowledge you need to lead your students in reducing energy consumption, saving money, and lowering emissions. Training includes five kill-a-watt devices per school and electronic access to curriculum/worksheets; schools may send up to two teachers. The eight hour training includes a renewable credit and will be held at DRI's Reno and Las Vegas campuses (no sub reimbursement available). Online registration is required one month in advance; check the GreenPower website for 2012 dates and details.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>B. School Implementation (choose at least one)</i>		
5.	Service Learning Project: Conduct a community service learning project in a green field and provide a summary of the project upon conclusion.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	School Club: Create conservation or recycling club and provide a summary of accomplishments.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Students as Teachers Event: Conduct a family or community event where students educate adults about a GreenPower topic. Provide a summary of the event upon conclusion. Please be sure to invite the GreenPower Administrator two weeks prior to the event.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Pen Pal Program: Conduct a GreenPower pen pal program with another school and communicate experiences and projects related to GreenPower topics. Provide artifacts and/or sample letters upon finish.	<input type="checkbox"/>



9.	School Mentorship: Mentor another school not yet involved in the GreenPower program in a GreenPower topic and provide a summary of the experience.	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Curriculum Share: Submit one lesson plan electronically to the GreenPower Outreach Administrator related to any of the materials obtained through GreenPower.	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Summary of Year: Write a report of experience and accomplishments with GreenPower toolkits (hands-on teaching tools and books). This report may be written and submitted by either teacher(s) or students.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>C. Promotion (choose at least one)</i>		
12.	Refer a School: Introduce the GreenPower program to another school in Nevada. New schools must mention your referral in their applications.	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	School Spotlight: We'd like to share what you've done! Send us pictures and a brief write-up of a cool GreenPower-related happening at your school for inclusion in our monthly e-newsletter.	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	In the News: Issue a press release of the school's involvement and participation in the GreenPower program. News Release templates available upon request.	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	Website Promotion: Add the "Proud to be a GreenPower School" decal to your school's website with a link to the GreenPower website. Decal and link info available upon request.	<input type="checkbox"/>