

# AOR/DEQ Waste Reduction Awareness Program (WRAP)

## \$\$\$ Awards for Schools

In partnership with the AOR, DEQ created the Waste Reduction Awareness Program (WRAP) in 1993. The program's purpose is to recognize school waste reduction & recycling programs that are permanently integrated into both school operations and classroom curricula. To promote and enhance these efforts, awards of \$500.00 are presented to winners in each of four categories:

### **Rising Star Award**

Awarded to a public or private Oregon school, K-12, giving evidence of significant progress in the development of their school's waste reduction & recycling program.

### **Elementary School WRAP Award**

Awarded to a public or private Oregon elementary school with an outstanding waste reduction & recycling program.

### **Secondary School WRAP Award**

Awarded to a public or private Oregon middle or high school with an outstanding waste reduction & recycling program.

### **Steele Gale Martin Achievement Award**

Awarded to an individual or group of students who has/have made a significant contribution to waste reduction and recycling efforts in Oregon. Nominee(s) must be an individual or group under the age of 18 or be a high school senior at the time of their involvement in these activities. Nominees must also be residents of Oregon.

## **NOMINATIONS/APPLICATIONS**

- ▶ Individual students and schools can be nominated by an AOR member, state or local government or interested businesses and their employees, or they can apply on their own behalf.
- ▶ Applications/nominations should be supported by data, program educational materials, news clippings, fact sheets, flyers, etc. The more complete the supporting documentation, the easier it is to select winners.
- ▶ Applications are due in mid-February of each year. For specific deadline information, the application form and selection criteria, and biographies and photos of past winners, visit DEQ's web site at [www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/solwaste/edu](http://www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/solwaste/edu) or by calling 503-229-5913 or 800-452-4011. Submitted applications are reviewed in the spring by a joint AOR/DEQ panel of educators and waste reduction specialists. Winners are announced at the AOR spring education conference.

## **Selection Criteria: WRAP School Awards**

Points will be awarded to schools for reducing the waste stream by:

- ▶ Reducing the amount of waste produced in offices, classrooms, cafeterias and landscapes
- ▶ Reusing previously used materials/switching from disposable to re-usable equipment/materials
- ▶ Recycling materials used in the school
- ▶ Educating students about waste issues in daily classroom programs

### **Selection Criteria: Steele Gale Martin Achievement Award**

Individual students or student groups are recognized for going beyond the call of duty when it comes to waste reduction and recycling. Student criteria will include:

- ▶ Outstanding personal commitment to waste reduction activities.
- ▶ Personal action effecting change in school/community (institutional) waste reduction actions.
- ▶ Individual action that motivates peers/community members (individuals) to reduce waste.
- ▶ Efforts to educate others (individuals, groups, or institutions) about the importance of waste reduction and recycling.

Previous winners of Elementary or Secondary awards may not apply again for these, but MAY apply for the Steele Gale Martin Award. Previous winners of the Rising Star Award MAY apply for Elementary, Secondary, or Steele Gale Martin awards.

### **Applying for a WRAP award:**

- ▶ Gets your school the recognition it deserves--we want to recognize and promote what you are doing to use resources efficiently.
- ▶ Helps your school become a model in your community--we'll promote your school as a model for others to follow by dedicating a section on the DEQ's Solid Waste Website to the award winners. We'll also promote your school's program to local and state print and television media.
- ▶ Shows your students that you're proud of them--they've become part of the solution by learning the sustainable behaviors you've taught them!
- ▶ Improves your school's program--by helping you assess your activities & results. Go over the questions with the kids and help them see what counts!

The following application is a sample from the 2001 WRAP judging and should be used for reference only as the committee may edit future versions. To obtain the current application, please go to DEQ's website at [www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/solwaste/edu](http://www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/solwaste/edu) or call 503-229-5913 or 800-452-4011.



1999 WRAP winners: Western View Middle School  
The Environmental Club accepts the award.



# WRAP Application (Sample)

(Be sure to answer EVERY question for your category and attach this page to your answer sheet!)

Nominator's Name: _____	Phone: _____
Nominator's Title: _____	
Nominated School: _____	
Nominated Student/Group (Steele Gale Martin Award only): _____	
School Address: _____	School Phone: _____
_____	FAX: _____
Total school population (students and staff): _____	Award Category: _____

VOLUME OF WASTE disposed at school each week[: \_\_\_\_\_] cubic yards.

This information is extremely important. The number you write down will probably be between 5 and 40 cubic yards per week. You will need to call your garbage hauler to find out how big your school's container is. Typically, they are 2, 4, 6, or 8 cubic yards. You will also need to find out your hauler's pickup schedule to make this calculation. For example: 4 cubic yards X 3 (pickups/week) = 12 cubic yards each week.

## RISING STAR ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL NOMINATIONS

### Involvement

1. Who coordinates your school's Waste Reduction Program? (Name of Committee/Group or Coordinator and their title)
2. Who collects recyclables within the school building?
3. How does your program encourage students and faculty to reduce, reuse and recycle? (e.g. Posters, assemblies, guest speakers, 5th graders teaching 1st graders, etc.)

### Planning, Reporting & Evaluating

1. Is there a waste reduction plan in place at your school? Please describe.
2. How do you track program activities and results? If you have conducted a waste audit during the past year, please include results.

### Reduce/Reuse

Describe how your school's program has impacted your purchasing practices. (Examples might include buying recycled-content products, using permanent ware and elimination of disposables, or reuse of supplies such as scrap paper, file folders, drink cups, etc.)

### Recycle

List the materials you recycle at your school. (Examples might include white paper, milk cartons, newsprint, mixed-waste paper, corrugated cardboard, tinned-steel cans, aluminum cans, glass, plastics, colored paper, magazines, etc.)

### Permanence

How are waste reduction principles integrated into classroom activities and the operation of the school?

### Show and Tell

1. What do you believe is the most interesting or unique aspect of your program? How long has it been in place?
2. If you are the recipient of this award, how will you use the money?

## STEELE GALE MARTIN NOMINATIONS

1. How did the student or group nominated for this award demonstrate commitment to waste reduction?
2. What has been the result of the nominated student's or group's efforts? (Examples might include the start of a school recycling club, the organization of a neighborhood recycling day, getting a local store to promote community recycling, etc.)
3. If you are the recipient of this award, how will you use the money?



## Become an Oregon Green School!

The goal of the Oregon Green Schools Program is to provide schools with the information they need to set up and maintain successful waste reduction programs and to recognize schools for their waste reduction achievements.

Whether your school's waste reduction effort is just getting started or is well established, the Oregon Green Schools Recognition Program is an opportunity for your school to receive:

- Educational Support
- Guidance
- Resources
- Recognition

### What Your School Receives

Green School	Certificate of Merit Green School	Premiere School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OGSA Certificate</li> <li>• OGS Window Sticker</li> <li>• Letters of recognition sent to: Principal, School District, and School Parent Organization</li> <li>• Invitation to the annual OGS Summit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OGSA Certificate of Merit Plaque</li> <li>• Press Release sent to local media</li> <li>• OGS Certificate of Merit Window Sticker</li> <li>• Letters of recognition sent to: Principal, School District, School Parent Organization, Local Government Representative, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality</li> <li>• Invitation to the annual OGS Summit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OGS Flago</li> <li>• Press Release sent to media</li> <li>• OGS PREMIERE Window Sticker</li> <li>• Letters of recognition sent to: Principal, School District, School Parent Organization, Local Government Representative, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and State Department of Education</li> <li>• Invitation to the annual OGS Summit</li> </ul>

For more information, visit the Oregon Green Schools Association web site:  
[www.oregongreenschools.org](http://www.oregongreenschools.org)

or call  
503-846-8609

