



**The Catskill-New York City  
Watershed Educators Network**  
[www.watershededucators.org](http://www.watershededucators.org)

This is a web site which encourages contact among upstate and downstate educators for the purpose of improving communication between water stewards and consumers. It describes previously funded education projects; field trip venues in the City and in the Watershed; and water and environmental education program and curricula available from a variety of sources. It also provides links to environmental education organizations and institutions, and lists other funding opportunities.

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# education grants

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**Catskill  
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Corporation**



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# The Catskill Watershed Corporation,

in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), provides grants to schools and non-profit organizations in the five-county New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, and in the five boroughs of New York City. The grant program funds water-related classroom and field study, projects and programs; visits to environmental education centers; research; career exploration; curriculum development; teacher training programs and other initiatives.

## Watershed Education Grants

**The purpose of the program is to increase awareness and understanding of**

- ❖ the human and natural history of the Watershed
- ❖ the development and operation of the City's reservoirs and water supply system
- ❖ the diversity and importance of aquatic and terrestrial life in the Watershed
- ❖ the importance of preserving water quality
- ❖ the need for improved communication and understanding among residents throughout the New York City water supply system.



Applicants without an original proposal may apply for funding for one or more Special Options, which in any given year might include scientific, cultural and environmental learning opportunities offered by Watershed and NYC institutions.

### Who is eligible for funding?

The following institutions located in West-of-Hudson (WOH) Watershed Towns and in New York City are eligible to apply for funds: Public and private schools, vocational centers and colleges; libraries; museums; Extension programs, and non-profit corporations and municipalities with educational programs. Educational organizations located outside the WOH Watershed or NYC may also be eligible to apply as long as project audiences are in New York City and/or the WOH Watershed.

### When are applications due?

Grants are distributed annually. Proposals are usually due in February, awards are announced in May, and funds are available by September. Check the CWC web site for updated schedules, application forms and guidelines.

**For Water System and Watershed maps, and much more information, go to the Education Program page of the CWC website, [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org), or [www.WatershedEducators.org](http://www.WatershedEducators.org); or contact CWC Education Coordinator 845-586-1400 Toll-free 877-WAT-SHED**

## Special Program Funding

The CWC Education Committee may choose to set aside funds in the annual Education budget for Special Programs, ie: those which fall outside the requirements of the regular grant program. These applications may be submitted at any time. Contact the Education Coordinator, or check the CWC website's Education Program page for Special Program Guidelines.

## The Public Education Advisory Group

The Public Education Advisory Group (PEAG) reviews

grant proposals and makes recommendations on other aspects of the CWC's Public Information and Education Program. PEAG is made up of teachers and environmental educators from the Watershed region and the City. The group recommends projects for funding to the CWC Board of Directors. Recommended proposals must be approved by the CWC and by the NYC DEP.

