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## 2021 GREEN STEAM (FORMERLY GREEN STEM) SCHOLARSHIPS CALL FOR APPLICATION

*APPLICATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021*

**New York** - Troy-based community solar developer Eden Renewables is now accepting applications for its annual scholarships with a total value of \$15,000. Graduating high school seniors from selected schools in the Capital Region (list below) and pursuing a career in fields that benefit the environment are invited to apply before the deadline of May 28th.

Eden's scholarship program was established in 2019 to support student interests in STEM subjects that investigate, design and implement solutions for local and global environmental issues. As part of Eden's educational benefit, a portion of the educational funds is allocated to each school district in towns that host its community solar projects. The first such scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded to Mariella Hirschhoff of Maple Hill Junior-Senior High School.

Renamed this year to include the Arts, the Green STEAM Scholarship fund has since increased to \$15,000 as a result of Eden's success and expansion in the area, extending the scholarship offer to 10 school districts including Troy City as a homage to Eden's home base.

Awards of \$1,000-\$3,000 will be made to 10-15 students, depending on the quantity and quality of applications received. At least one student will be selected from each school.

<b>School District</b>	<b>Host Town</b>	<b>Linked Community Solar Project</b>	<b>Scholarship Amount</b>
Argyle Central School District	Village & Town of Argyle	Dowmont & Hidden Meadows	\$2,000
Brunswick Central School District	Town of Brunswick	Tamarac	\$1,000
Duanesburg Central	Town of Duanesburg	Oak Hill I & II	\$2,000



School District			
Fonda-Fultonville Central School District	Town of Glen	Van Epps & Mohawk View	\$2,000
Hoosic Valley Central School District	Town of Schaghticoke	Herrington	\$1,000
Hudson City Central School District	Town of Claverack	Claverack Creek & Catskill View	\$2,000
Ichabod Crane Central School District	Town of Kinderhook	Green Dale	\$1,000
Schodack Central School District	Town of Schodack	Cedar Hill, Elmbrook & White River	\$3,000
Troy City School District	City of Troy	N/A	\$1,000

Eden’s Chief Development Officer Giovanni Maruca said, “We are growing our scholarship program and excited to be supporting more students pursuing their educational goals. Our Green STEAM Scholarship strives to support enrollment in environmental and sustainability studies and help increase the environmental workforce to meet the growing demand for green careers as we transition to a clean energy economy.”

The scholarships will be offered in each host town for the lifetime of the community solar farm, which is 25 years.

As in previous years, recipients will be selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, and statement of goals and aspirations. Once selected, recipients will be notified and formally awarded at each school’s graduation ceremony.

To be eligible, applicants must be a high school senior attending one of the selected schools, have a minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA, and be accepted into a 2 or 4-year college or university and enrolled in Green STEAM or related discipline. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or employer, and a 500-word statement of purpose regarding educational plans and professional aspirations in Green STEAM must be submitted with the application to be considered.

To submit an application: <https://edenrenewables.com/scholarship-2021>



The Green STEAM Scholarship is a component of Eden Education which provides students the chance to learn beyond school grounds and gain knowledge in STEM subjects with lesson plans that meet New York State learning standards.

More about Eden's education program: <https://edenrenewables.com/education>

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

### **About Eden Renewables**

Eden Renewables is a Troy-based solar developer with projects in the US, UK, and sub-Saharan Africa. Eden currently has a pipeline of 15 pollinator-friendly community solar projects in the Capital Region, with ten set to break ground this spring/summer. All of Eden's solar projects promote biodiversity and agricultural usage with excellent community and educational benefits. Subscribers to its community solar farms can benefit from savings of around 10% on their electricity bills.

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