



# Village of Lombard Recycling Education Grant Program APPLICATION

## PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of institution: DELPHI Academy of Chicago  
 Address: 241 E. ROOSEVELT Rd., LOMBARD, ILL 60148  
 Name and title of person to contact: DEB VOSS, DEAN  
 Number of students: 87 Number of students residing in incorporated Lombard: 25 (estimate)

## PART 2 - AMOUNT REQUESTED & PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- a. Amount of grant request: \$ 441.93
- b. How many students will the grant funds help to educate? 87
- c. Has the institution received prior grant money from the Village of Lombard?  YES  NO
- d. Provide a clear, concise description of the proposed project. Indicate how the project promotes enthusiasm to learn more about the environment, how the project fits into your organizations curriculum and how it will enhance environmental education or outreach.
- e. Provide detailed descriptions of items requested and costs. If the grant involves commodity purchases, provide three quotes including vendor name and prices. If recycled products are being purchased, list what percentage of product is made from recycled materials.

## PART 3 - CURRENT PROGRAM (RECYCLING, ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION)

- a. Has your institution earned the Earth Flag?  YES  NO  
(for information on earning the Earth Flag visit [www.bookrescue.org/scarce/default.asp?page=Searthflag](http://www.bookrescue.org/scarce/default.asp?page=Searthflag))
- b. Does your institution have an environmental club?  YES  NO
- c. How many students participate in recycling/environmental/conservation efforts? 87
- d. How many students are being taught about recycling/environment/conservation? 87
- e. How are environmental programs emphasized in your classes? BINS FOR PAPER AND PLASTIC RECYCLING. Crayon Recycle Program with SCARCE. EARTH DAY.
- f. In your typed report, explain your current recycling/environmental/conservation program and past accomplishments. How long have you had this program? What does the institution do for the environment other than recycling? How has the program helped people in the Village of Lombard?

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Environmental Concerns Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Our large "green" environmental project this year will be planting a garden in a Garden Plot at Madison Meadows. We plan to include all classes in the planting and care of this plot. Having a summer school program will also allow us to plant many times and reach more children. We will care for this plot with water collected in rain barrels and fertilization done using our own compost. This program is an extension of our current projects and will teach the children about the real life applications of rain barrel water collection and compost bins. The end result will be veggies that the children can pick and consume in salads and other recipes. Last school year, we had a small garden on site. It was such a huge success. Our students became very enthusiastic gardeners, and are very excited about this year's project. Classroom expansion activities will include: "Green" Gardening, Plant Cycles, The Growing Season and Harvesting.

e. 1. Garden Plot Rental Fee purchased through Lombard Park District at a cost of \$36.00.

2. World's Best Organic Compost Tumbler model # UTC-7 purchased through [www.organic-compost-tumble.com](http://www.organic-compost-tumble.com) at a cost of \$216.99.

This product is made from 100% recycled plastic. Shipping is free.

3. Recycled Plastic Rain Barrel purchased through Clean Air Gardening at a cost of \$188.94 (includes shipping).

This product is made from 100% recycled plastic. Shipping is included in the cost.

Total amount of grant request is \$441.93.

f. Delphi Academy has had a 3R's program for the past 9 years. In that time, we have educated our students as young as first grade, about the importance of the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle). We make fun posters to remind students and parents that "Everyday is Earth Day", we have even made games out of recycled juice containers or cereal boxes. On Earth Day, however, we make it a practice of finding a community area that needs general clean up. In past years, we have visited Sunset Knolls Park and Madison Meadows and made a contest out of collecting all the little bits of trash. Last year, we felt our neighbor, The Viceroy restaurant, would benefit from our "spring" clean up.

Delphi has a mutually beneficial relationship with S.C.A.R.C.E.. We have volunteered to assist them in their crayon recycling project over the past 2 years. Our students peel large boxes of crayons, and return them to SCARCE, so they can melt them into crayons for less capable students. We routinely go to SCARCE to find supplies that we need for our students. This past year, we luckily received 3 microscopes, and an assortment of reading books, science text books, and other miscellaneous school supplies.

In our 3R's program, Delphi recycles paper and plastics on a daily basis. We have collected old cell phones and ink cartridges from our parents, and given them to SCARCE. Last year, we used rain barrels, fashioned from old garbage cans, to collect water for our sunflower garden. We have also benefitted from our friendship, with our neighbor, Christ The King on Main Street in Lombard. Over the past 5 years, they have donated many student desks to us, after they had purchased new ones.

In January, Delphi Academy volunteered at F.M.S.C. (Feed My Starving Children). This is our third annual visit to their facility. This is just one of the ways that we stress the importance of community service and being a global citizen. We have also visited local nursing homes during the holidays to have the children sing Christmas carols.