

## 2025 Maryland Climate Teach-In Prize Terms and Conditions

**Eligibility:** The prize is open to college institutions, K-12 institutions, non-profits, and community and faith-based organizations. To participate, educators must be registered for the Maryland Climate Teach In.

**Participation Requirements:** After hosting a planned Maryland Climate Teach-In activity, registered educators must respond to a follow-up request by either filling out a provided form or submitting images of their event by May 6, 2025. Educators agree to provide a summary of the event, images, and a detailed breakdown of expenses within four weeks of the event.

**Prizes:**

- Top Prize: Up to \$2,000 to cover transportation and ancillary expenses for a climate/environmental-related field trip.
- Second Place Prizes: Two prizes of up to \$500 each for an on-site or in-class environmental project, such as tree planting or creating a rain garden. Projects are not limited to these ideas.

**Expense Reimbursement:** A plan and estimate for the field trip or project must be submitted for approval at least two weeks prior to the date of the activity. All costs associated with the field trip or project must be paid by the school/institution first. Reimbursement will be provided after final documentation is submitted and reviewed. An itemized list of expenses with proof of payment must be included. The organization's W9 form (as a PDF) is required.

**Field Trip/Project Requirements:** The field trip must occur in Maryland and be for an environmental or climate related purpose, destination, or activity. A list of possible locations is available on the Maryland Climate Teach-In website. The project must be related to environmental or climate education. The field trip or project must be completed before December 1, 2025.

**Approval Process:** Both the plan and expenses incurred will be reviewed and approved by representatives of the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) and the Maryland Climate Change Commission (MCCC) ECO Working Group. Once approved, the organization/institution/school will be reimbursed by MAEOE.

**Additional Legal Language:** The prize is non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. MAEOE and MCCC/ECO reserves the right to modify or cancel the prize at any time without prior notice. By participating, organizations agree to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

MAEOE and MCCC are not responsible for any damages or losses incurred during the field trip or project.