

Eco-STEM Leaders Application

Thank you for your interest in the Eco-STEM Leaders Program! Please complete this application fully.

We encourage you to take charge of your applications. While you may have someone proofread your work or offer occasional help, it's important that you maintain ownership of the process. This demonstrates the commitment to leadership that is central to our program.

Student Information

- Full Name:
- Current Grade Level (must be a sophomore or junior):
- Current High School:
- Student Email:
- Student Phone Number:
- Student Mailing Address:

Parent/Guardian Information

- Full Name:
- Relationship to Student:
- Parent/Guardian Email:
- Parent/Guardian Phone Number:

Questions

Please answer the following questions in 1-3 paragraphs.

1. Why are you interested in becoming an Eco-STEM Leader, and what do you hope to gain from this experience? Please describe a specific environmental or scientific topic that you are passionate about and why.
2. Describe a time you worked on a team to solve a problem. What was your specific role, what were the biggest challenges, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. What are your future career goals, and how do you believe the hands-on research and professional mentorship in the Eco-STEM Leaders program will help you achieve them?

Attachments

Please submit the following documents with your application in pdf format:

- **Letter of Recommendation:** A letter from a teacher, counselor, or community leader who can speak to your character, work ethic, and interest in science.
- **Transcript:** A copy of your most recent high school transcript.

Program Fee

The Eco-STEM Leaders program has a one-time fee of **\$200**. This fee helps cover the cost of program materials and food during June week of summer learning. Reduced fees are available for students who qualify for free and reduced-price school lunch.

Authorization

By submitting this application, I confirm that all the information provided is accurate and truthful. I understand I must attend at least **5 of the 7 meetings and events** to remain in the program and must be present for the **week of summer learning from June 15-19**. I also understand that a **capstone research project must be completed and presented to the public** as a requirement for the program.

- Student Signature:

I give my consent for my child to participate in the Eco-STEM Leaders program, including research, field trips, and events, and for their likeness to be used in program-related materials. The full cost must be paid by first meeting and there will be no refunds.

- Parent/Guardian Signature:

Submission

Please email all application materials to **Director@SturgeonCity.org** by **December 10, 2025**.

If you are chosen, we will notify you by email on or before January 7, 2026.