

Service-Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. In service-learning projects, students apply knowledge, skills, abilities, and habits of citizenship they need to learn through service that they do.



What? FEA and NEA’s Green Across America Project offer grants of \$500 - \$3,000 per classroom teacher for Green/STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics) service-learning projects. Grants will be awarded to “green” projects that make creative use in one of the Green/STEM areas to solve a community problem.

Who? Students and their teachers (who belong to the local association) in Franklin, Gadsden, and Leon Counties where Community Conversations have been held over the past twelve months.

Where? The Green/STEM problem you seek to address is in your school, community, neighborhood, or municipality.

When? Completed applications are due on September 24, 2010 and must be submitted electronically to danielle.montes@floridaea.org

How? Get an application from your union leaders and begin filling it out. If you have questions, email Danielle Montes. Get your students on board and brainstorm with them about issues that fit the Green/STEM criteria and curriculum objectives for your class. Addressing the issue must build content area skills for your students.

What would be a Green/STEM Project? It is a project that seeks to address, teach others or create awareness about a local problem around conservation, waste management, recycling, minimizing waste, water conservation, greenhouse gases, renewable energy, community gardens, etc., through some creative use of Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics.

Why would I do this? : Because you’ve had enough of traditional test preparation. Because you want to really engage the students in these areas through real-life experiences that build and strengthen their content area skills. Because you want to be part of a potentially transformative experience in the lives of your students this year, and, most importantly, because it’s fun!

How can I find out more about this? Easy! Just e-mail danielle.montes@floridaea.org with your name, school name and county by August 31, 2010 and we will send you the information on the next training. You can also download this new, free resource **Semester of Service Strategy Guide** by visiting <http://ysa.org/2010-sos-guide> or visiting the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse at <http://www.servicelearning.org/>.

