



Youth Awards

Open to individuals or groups of San Francisco students (grades K-12)

Waste Zero Hero Award

This award will be granted to an individual or group of youth participating in projects or activities that promote zero waste in their schools. These students demonstrate innovative solutions, collaboration, and accountability through their daily actions, push boundaries to reduce waste generation and improve zero waste sorting within their community. While not an exhaustive list, candidates for the Waste Zero Hero Award may have completed projects focused on:

- Zero waste policies and school initiatives
- Food waste initiatives
- Compost monitoring systems

Youth Climate Justice Award

This award will be granted to youth who have acted to combat climate injustice in their school communities. These students demonstrate innovative solutions, collaboration, and equity through their daily actions. They also work on projects or initiatives that improve the health, wellness, and resiliency of their school community. While not an exhaustive list, candidates for the Youth Climate Justice Award may have completed projects focused on:

- School-wide climate or environmental justice campaigns
- Place-based climate projects
- Sustainable food & food security
- Healthy school environments

Rooted in Nature Award

This award will be granted to youth who have acted to protect and connect others in the school community to nature. These students demonstrate innovative solutions, collaboration, and equity in their daily actions and work on projects or initiatives to conserve the Earth's natural resources and cultivate the school community's connection to nature. While not an exhaustive list, candidates for the Rooted in Nature Award may have completed projects focused on:

- Green schoolyards
- Composting projects
- Natural resource conservation
- Local pollution prevention or SF Bay clean up

Adult Awards

Open to custodial, administration, support staff, and teachers at K-12 San Francisco schools

Food to Flowers Award

This award will be granted to an administrator, teacher, custodial or support staff who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the City's Zero Waste goals. This individual demonstrates innovative solutions, collaboration, and accountability in their daily actions and with projects or initiatives that have a positive impact on students. This award was created based on the accounts of school staff throughout the years expressing their passion to support zero waste and create a better planet for future generations. From food to flowers, candidates for this award foster closed-loop systems that support the growth of future generations. While not an exhaustive list, candidates for the Rooted in Nature Award may have completed projects focused on:

- School-wide zero waste improvement projects
- Adult Zero Waste Coordination
- Food Waste
- Zero Waste Sorting
- Zero Waste Policies

Climate Action Award

This award will be granted to an administrator, teacher, custodial or support staff who has demonstrated a commitment to uplifting and empowering students to achieve their sustainability goals and take climate action in their school community. This individual demonstrates innovative solutions, collaboration, and equity in their daily actions and supports students in becoming environmental leaders and trailblazers. While not an exhaustive list, candidates for the Rooted in Nature Award may have completed projects focused on:

- Supported youth climate action
- Served as a resource or liaison for environmental initiatives or policies
- Supported student sustainability projects such as: school-wide climate or environmental justice campaigns, place-based climate projects, sustainable food & food security, healthy school environments

How to Nominate

The call for nominations closes at 11:59 p.m. PST on **Friday February 21, 2020**. You may [submit nominations](#) for an individual or yourself.

Awardees will be notified directly and will be honored publicly at the 2020 School Awards Ceremony at City Hall on April 29, 2020.