

WCC Eco-School 2023 (North America region) on Water, Food and Climate Justice

November 11-18, 2023

Application Guidelines

A. Basic Guidelines

1. Applications to the Eco-School on Water, Food and Climate Justice be made through the prescribed application form only. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have followed the instructions in these guidelines to prepare your application.
2. Please type or write clearly on the application form. The details you give in your application form will be used for the administration of your application, and potentially as the basis of your participant record. If the form is incorrectly completed your application may be delayed and may not be processed.
3. Your surname/family name is used to identify and match all materials sent with your application and for dealing with enquiries. Please use only the full name given in your passport and identity documents.
4. The medium of instruction will be in **English**. Therefore, you are expected to have sufficient working knowledge of English.
5. You are advised to apply well in advance of the closing date for applications. The completed application form must be accompanied by all the supporting materials listed in **Section B**.
6. The Eco-School will train church youth between the ages of 18-30 years. There will be a maximum 25 participants for the school
7. The eligibility criteria of candidates include:
 - a) Must be a national /resident of Europe /North America region, between 18-30 years.
 - b) Holds at least a Bachelor's degree in any discipline including theology, sociology or social work (**preferred, but not required**)
 - c) Should have a basic knowledge on ecology and issues related to water, food, nutrition and climate change.
 - d) Passion for justice (assessed through a motivation letter).
 - e) A letter of endorsement from your church or ecumenical organization (**preferred but not required**)
 - f) After meeting the eligibility criteria, participants will be selected on the basis of regional, gender and denominational balance.
8. Selected participants are granted full scholarship that covers Tuition fees, accommodation and board. However, a registration fees of **US\$ 100** is mandatory for each participant or from the endorsing church/organization. This amount must be paid onsite, at the beginning of the school.
9. Travel expenses of flights/trains/visa, etc are **not covered** by WCC. However, very few travel subsidies are available and may be given to deserving candidates, subject to availability of resources or WCC will connect to potential funding partners.

9. Selected participants must agree to attend the full programme from **November 11-18, 2023**
10. Only candidates, who attend the full programme will get the Certificate from WCC.

B. Application and Supporting Materials

All applicants are required to submit the following documents:

1. Completed application form
2. One (1) passport-size photograph of the applicant (attached to the application form)
3. A 1 page motivation letter in English responding to the following questions:
 - a) Describe yourself (personality, values and life experiences).
 - b) Why are you interested in the Eco-School on Water, Food and Climate Justice?
 - c) What are your ideas for follow up activities on youth and ecological engagements that may include water, food and climate change issues after the Eco-School?
4. A copy of the ID page of the applicant's passport
5. An endorsement letter from the applicant's church or ecumenical organization (*preferred, but not mandatory*)

NOTE: Please save all forms electronically with your family name in the following way: (replace the yellow highlighted section with your family name)

EcoSchool2023_**ApplicationForm**_FAMILYNAME.docx;

EcoSchool2023_**Passport**_FAMILYNAME.pdf;

EcoSchool2023_**Endorsement**_FAMILYNAME.pdf;

EcoSchool2023_**Motivation letter**_FAMILYNAME.pdf

It is preferred that you send your application electronically along with scanned copies of all supporting documents to eco.school@wcc-coe.org

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The deadline for receiving the complete application including supporting documents is **September 16, 2023**