



YES! Update 5.18.2020

Program Update: The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations which includes our project “YES! Students Take on Water Quality Challenges – Phase II” was passed by both the House and the Senate this weekend. However, there were still differences between the two versions of the bills and no final passage of ENRTF appropriations occurred. This will now require a special session which we hope will happen soon. **Thank you for sending letters of support to your legislators!** ~Shelli-Kae Foster, YES! Program Director

Regional Award Winners – Congratulations to all of the regional winners and thank you to everyone who participated in Spring judging, you are all doing amazing work for our planet! As one judge said, “It never ceases to amaze me what the kids can accomplish with YES! – these kids know no bounds!”

West Central/Northwest Regions

1st Place (\$400): Lac qui Parle Valley High School (*advances to state*)
2nd Place (\$300): New London-Spicer High School
3rd Place (\$200): Discovery Woods Middle School

Water Stewardship Award (\$400): Royalton High School (*advances to state*)

Northeast Region

1st Place (\$325): Northern Lights Community School (*advances to state*)
2nd Place (\$225): Harbor City International School
3rd Place (\$150): Carlton High School

Water Stewardship Award (\$250): Carlton High School (*advances to state*)

Southern/Metro Regions

1st Place (\$400): Sleepy Eye High School (*advances to state*)
2nd Place (\$300): Mankato West High School

YES! End of the Year Checklist

2020 Graduate Exit Survey – Please send this to your graduating seniors to complete by May 29th

2020 Post Assessment Survey – Please send this to all YES! students to complete by May 29th

2020 Coach Survey – Please complete this survey by June 10th to help us improve the program

Project Signs – At no cost you can order up to two YES! signs for any of your projects, these signs have a sticky back. (*Additional signs are \$10 each*) Please contact your coordinator to order.

2020-2021 YES! Registration Forms – Team registration forms for 2020-21 can be found [here!](#) *(fee can be paid in the Fall)*

YES! Key Dates

June 1st – Due for expense report, receipts for reimbursement & final report *(if not participating in competition)*

June 2nd – State Champions announced via Zoom at 12:00 PM! *(let us know if you'd like to join the meeting)*

Major support for YES! comes from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) as recommended by the Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), McKnight, and Waste Management. Thank you!