



Update 5.24.2021

**Spring Competition Award Winners** – Congratulations to all of the award winners and thank you to everyone who participated in the YES! program, you are all doing amazing work for our planet! *“Thank you so much for your participation in the YES! program, and for all of your environmental contributions to your community, your school, and the state of Minnesota.” –Phil Votruba (2021 judge)*

Click [here](#) to watch the YES! Awards Ceremony video (10 min)!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$500):** Westbrook-Walnut Grove High School

*Westbrook-Walnut Grove High School YES! team did outstanding work in improving water quality, educating peers, and involving their community. One of the most impressive projects was the West End Reclamation project. In 4 short months the team turned a flooded parking lot into a beautiful rain garden that reduces flooding and increases water quality. The area also serves as a community gathering space with a shelter, a walking path, fruit trees, pollinator gardens, and more!*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$250):** Mankato West High School & Sleepy Eye Schools (tie)

*Mankato West High School YES! team wowed the judges with their expertise in climate change, environmental justice, and solar energy. The team’s projects included creating a [video](#) for the CERTs Solar for Schools Video Contest, hosting an environmental awareness week to educate students on various topics, and planning a solar installation on their high school!*

*Sleepy Eye High School & St. Mary’s Catholic School YES! team impressed judges by their community involvement and student outreach efforts. The team completed a variety of projects including recycling over 1,000 lbs. of holiday lights, creating a separation table for cafeteria waste, conducting an Earth Week Celebration, turning plastic bags into mats for the homeless, and more!*

#### Complete End-of-the-Year Tasks by June 4:

- All students complete [Post-Season Assessment Survey](#)
- Graduating students complete [Graduate Exit Survey](#)
- Complete [Coach Survey](#)
- Submit [Project Seed Funds and District Expenses Reimbursement Request Form](#)
- Complete the 2020-21 [Online Final Report Form](#) if you didn’t compete in the Spring Competition.

**Register your team for 2021-22 Season:** Click [here](#) to open the online form or visit Coaches Corner to download a PDF version. (Fee can be paid in the fall).

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