



## Louisiana Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Where can I find resources to help my school progress in the three Pillars?**

**A:** The Green Strides [resources](#) and [webinar series](#) provide all schools with free information on the tools that help them move toward the Pillars of the recognition award. This award is not tied to any one program or standard but instead encourages schools to use any resources available.

**Q: Who fills out the application?**

**A:** It is recommended that a team be assembled to complete the application. Team members may include: a facilities manager, physical education director, medical director or school nurse, food services director, curriculum director, finance department representatives, teachers, and students.

**Q: What are some common application missteps made by applicants?**

**A:** Applicants repeat answers for multiple questions and/or discuss the same achievement throughout much of the application. Not using the sub-questions and answer prompts for guidance in the applicant's response is another frequent misstep.

**Q: When should a school begin the application process?**

**A:** Most honorees spend years working on their sustainability efforts by using many of the resources and programs previously referenced. The Louisiana application deadline is **December 15 at 5 p.m.** Applications must be emailed to [environmentaleducation@la.gov](mailto:environmentaleducation@la.gov).

Additional information can be found on the [U.S. Department of Education's Frequently Asked Questions](#) website.