

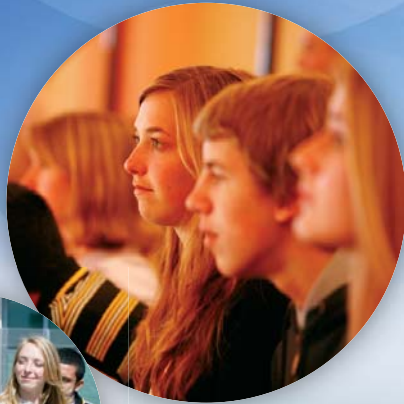
“Climate change is the big issue of my generation. I want to find ways to address the problem.”

Rachel from Santa Cruz, CA
2008 Climate Champion



“Our school’s garden will continue to benefit from our class project. Without this competition, we would never have risen to the occasion.”

Elaine, El Monte, CA
2011 Climate Champion for the project “From Garbage to Garden”



Our Climate

Our Future

Our Voice!

CLIMATE GENERATION PROGRAM

When your student group becomes part of the Climate Generation Program, you help create real solutions to the global climate crisis.

Learn more about the program at

[WWW.COOLCALIFORNIA.ORG/
CLIMATE-GENERATION](http://WWW.COOLCALIFORNIA.ORG/CLIMATE-GENERATION)

THE CLIMATE GENERATION PROGRAM

The Climate Generation Program is a high school project-based competition in California that links classroom environmental concepts to tangible, real world solutions. It provides an opportunity for students to work together on a real project to reduce the carbon footprint of their school or community.

Once on board, your class or student group will have access to a variety of tools and resources that will help you design and implement a climate action project. Your project can focus on a wide range of issues, including:

- Energy Conservation
- Renewable Energy
- Water Conservation
- Transportation
- School Operations
- Awareness/Communication



There is a growing community of individuals, organizations, and businesses that are concerned about the environment and climate change who are committed to helping you reach your goals. Our partners are available to help your project succeed by providing technical guidance, project support, funding suggestions, and real world experience.

When your class or group submits a project report, it will be evaluated against those submitted by other student groups from around the state. Projects selected by a panel of experts as exceptional projects will receive grant funding or other prizes. Be sure to check our web site (www.coolcalifornia.org/climate-generation) for detailed criteria on which your project will be judged.



WHY PARTICIPATE?

Not only will you become part of a statewide movement to limit climate change, your students become environmental champions in your school and community. Your class/group and your school earn recognition for your leadership and creativity, as well as:

- Access to a statewide network of resources that include internships, scholarships, mentors, and project-planning tools;
- Professional development;
- Student leadership and climate education opportunities; and
- Grant funding for projects.

HAVE AN EXCEPTIONAL CLIMATE GENERATION STUDENT?

Nominate them as your project's Climate Champion! Classes and groups that participate in the Climate Generation program will have the opportunity to nominate one student to become that group's Climate Champion.

Climate Champions are students who possess outstanding communication and leadership skills and whose contributions to the Climate Generation group project are exceptional. Champions will receive additional recognition, exclusive access to internships, scholarships and join a distinguished network of young people who are passionately committed to protecting the climate.

"Before it was just me saying we need to change. The program gives me credibility and an organization to back me up."

Alex from Pilot Hill, CA
2008 Climate Champion



READY TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

The Climate Generation Program recognizes that young people can influence the behavior of peers, families, and neighbors and have a positive impact on our environment. This program gives them the tools to start having an impact today.

Sign your class up at:

WWW.COOLCALIFORNIA.ORG/CLIMATE-GENERATION

Registration is open until April 2, 2012
Project Reports due April 2, 2012



"This whole project has taught me the importance and the impact of the community in helping the environment."

Johnson, El Monte, CA
2nd place 2011 Climate Generation winner for the project "From Garbage to Garden"

