



**GROWING
HEALTHY
SCHOOLS** MONTH

Initiative of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education

4th Annual Best School Garden Award

Submission Due: Friday Oct 14, 2015

Sponsored by: OSSE

Who Can Participate: All K-12 DC public, private and charter schools are eligible to apply. We encourage you to include as many students as you want in the application process however, only one entry per school is permitted.

How to Participate: Tell us in a short essay (1,000 characters or less) Why your school garden is the best school garden in DC. You may also submit up to 5 photos of your school gardens.

Submissions will be scored by the degree to which:

- Students are involved in the garden program
- Students' effort to make their program unique
- Students' enthusiasm and commitment to their garden program.

Awards: Each of these criteria will be weighted equally. Four awards will be given; one award will be given for the "Best New School Garden" (defined as garden programs created after October 2014) and three awards will be given for the "Best Sustained School Garden" (defined as garden programs created prior to October 2014). Winners in each category will receive:

- \$500 prize awarded to the school to further the garden program.
- A custom-made golden shovel to display with pride in the school garden.
- A banner to display in your garden declaring to the world that your school garden is the best.

