



Youth  
Exploring  
Sea level rise  
Science



## Youth Exploring Sea Level Rise Science (YESS) Program Call for Projects 2018-2019

**Deadline: Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00PM**

The County of San Mateo invites students who have participated in the (YESS) Youth Exploring Sea Level Science program in the 2018-2019 school year to complete a final project to build awareness and action around sea level rise in San Mateo County. The goal of completing a final project is to help assist organizations across San Mateo County that are planning for sea level rise with creative and innovative ideas. Three projects will be awarded prizes, recognized by the County of San Mateo and featured on the YESS website.

Projects must be submitted at <https://goo.gl/forms/b66DAyEcotlmByO11> by April 15, 2019 at 5 PM.

### **Who can apply**

Projects must be submitted by a student or a group of students (no larger than 6 students) who have participated in the YESS program in the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Projects should achieve at least one of the following objectives:**

- Build awareness about sea level rise
- Gather community knowledge and perceptions about sea level rise
- Provide ideas and suggestions to community leaders about sea level rise
- Increase the emergency preparedness of your community to sea level rise risks

### **Sharing your project**

Projects **must** be shared with your community. This could be through a presentation, art installation, social media campaign, teaching other students, or other creative avenues. This requirement can be fulfilled by showcasing projects at the County of San Mateo Office of Education's [Environmental Leadership Youth Network \(ELYN\) Summit](#) on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please find more information about this event on Page 2 of this document. If students are not able to share projects with their community before the project submission deadline, plans of how projects would be shared with their community must be included in the application.

### **Rewarding Outstanding Projects**

Outstanding projects will be awarded based on their ability to meet the project objective and creativity or innovativeness. Upon review, three projects will be recognized with "Outstanding Project" certificates from the County of San Mateo's Board of Supervisors and will be recognized at a County Board of Supervisors meeting. More details to follow when projects are awarded. Projects will also be showcased on the YESS program website.

### **Project examples**

1. Community interviews to gather community knowledge and perceptions about sea level rise
2. Art, video or multimedia project
3. Sea level rise assessment of your community using the Our Coast Our Future sea level rise viewer
4. Carbon footprint analysis and action plan for your home or school community
5. Develop a sea level rise game to teach others about sea level rise
6. Create a sea level rise website or phone app

### **Examples of projects that are not eligible:**

Projects that do not have sea level rise as a focus.

### **Application Deadline and instructions**

Projects must be submitted at <https://goo.gl/forms/b66DAyEcotlmByOl1> by April 15, 2019 at 5 PM.

### **Final Project Showcase Event**

Students are invited to showcase their projects with a poster board or Powerpoint presentation at the San Mateo County Office of Education’s Environmental Youth Leadership Network Spring Summit on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Environmental Youth Leadership Network (EYLN) brings together youth leaders across San Mateo County who are eager to make an environmental sustainability impact in their community. At the Spring Summit, students from schools and groups across San Mateo County will showcase their projects, share best-practices, and gain inspiration for the future.

Details of event: Saturday May 18th, 2019, 9:30am - 3:00pm at the College of San Mateo, 1700 W Hillsdale Blvd, San Mateo

Please indicate on your application if you are interested in showcasing your project at this event. More information about this event will be available on the ELYN [page](#) in early April.

### **Timeline for the Process**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Friday, March 8, 2019	Call for final projects released
Monday, April 15, 2019 at 5PM	Submission deadline
Wednesday, May 3, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• YESS Program staff notifies awarded projects</li><li>• Projects that are not selected are notified</li></ul>
April or May 2019	Outstanding projects recognition at the County of San Mateo’s Board of Supervisors meeting
Saturday, May 18, 2019	<b>(Optional)</b> County of San Mateo’s Office of Education <a href="#">Environmental Leadership Youth Network (ELYN) Summit</a>

For more information about YESS project submissions, please visit the YESS website [www.seachangesmc.com/YESS](http://www.seachangesmc.com/YESS) or contact Jackie Nunez at [janunez@smcgov.org](mailto:janunez@smcgov.org) or call (650) 363-4736.