



The Green Masjid Stewardship Award Application

Amount: \$500

Deadline: Open all year

Location: For organizations within SoCal

Qualifying Criteria: Must complete steps listed in one of the three levels detailed below

To Apply: Submit application and supporting documentation (photos, social media posts, videos, etc).

Please note awardees will be featured on our social media to highlight your efforts and encourage others to do the same.

The Art & Wilderness Institute's (AWI) Green Masjid Initiative is intended to support communities taking consistent steps toward going green. The support we are able to provide comes from a growing number of dedicated volunteers and generous donors who are invested in seeing their local masjid implement eco-friendly practices. Implementing eco friendly practices within the masjid is easiest if done incrementally.

The Stewardship Award program by GMI recognizes organizations actively taking steps to go green and provides financial support while funds are available based on qualifying criteria (please see below). Organizations can apply upon completing each level to use funding for purchasing greener alternatives and implementing greener practices at the masjid. Please allow up to 2-4 weeks for us to process the application.

Please check the items your masjid has completed and/or will complete and sign agreement to indicate that you have read and agreed to the guidelines. Awards are based on steps taken and/or will take toward greening the masjid through the suggested guidelines below or something equivalent. If funding is not available at the time of your application, we will place you on a waitlist and notify you as soon as it becomes available. This is not a guarantee as funding is entirely donation-based.

Guidelines may be modified and updated as needed. Thank you for your understanding. May Allah SWT reward your efforts to help the masjid be a place of learning and improving for the sake of pleasing Him (SWT).

Level 1: Education (Green Educator Award)

Suggested guidelines for getting started and raising awareness in the community (or something equivalent that serves the purpose of raising awareness).

- Announce masjid's green initiative on social media and share regular green reminders.
- Request khateeb to plan for 1-2 green khutbah at your masjid in a year to reinforce community education and to highlight the connection of environmentalism in our deen. Here is the link to some green khutbah talking points we have on our website. [Environmental Sunnah \(artandwildernessinstitute.com\)](http://artandwildernessinstitute.com).
- Display educational posters at the masjid to educate the community regarding green practices. AWI can provide educational content to share.
- Encourage the community to donate to the masjid's green funds to support the masjid in purchasing greener alternatives rather than donating styrofoam/plastic.
- Conduct 1-2 green masjid initiative fundraisers to engage the community in supporting the masjid purchase greener alternatives. This can be as simple as a table after jummah using the starter kit we provide which includes the flyers and options for different ways the community can donate. We recommend establishing a green committee within the organization to help support the masjid with these efforts. AWI can provide free training and resources to help recruit green volunteers.

Level 2: Implementation (Green Leader Award)

A. Say No to Styrofoam

Transition from styrofoam to greener alternatives. Continue to raise awareness in the community through level 1 suggestions.

- Focused green reminders on harms of styrofoam and reasons to stop using it.
- Purchased [green alternatives](#) to styrofoam for food and beverage distribution.
- Removed all styrofoam from masjid
- Requested vendors to use eco-friendly alternatives to styrofoam at masjid events whenever possible.

B. Say No To Plastic Water Bottle:

Transition from plastic water bottles to greener alternatives by installing a water fountain/water bottle refill station. Continue guidelines from level 1 and 2A.

- Focus green reminders on the harms of plastic water bottles and reasons to stop using it.
- Encourage the community to sponsor the cost of a water bottle refill station.
- Encourage the community to bring their own reusable water bottle to minimize the use of plastic water bottles.
- Provide stainless steel reusable water bottles with masjid logo for purchase as an alternative to plastic water bottles.

Level 3: Maintenance (Green Champion Award)

Suggested guidelines to maintain and improve on green practices through continued educational programming and self-sustaining models for green funding (or something equivalent to serve the purpose of becoming sustainable). Continue levels 1-2 guidelines to encourage community commitment to greener practices.

- Provide regular classes/eco-club for youth or green workshops/events to educate the community.
- Establish self-sustaining models of green funding. AWI can provide suggestions like bake

sales or eco-fairs.

A. Recycling

Transition to greener practices for waste management through educating the community on proper recycling and/or composting and providing recycle bins. Continue to raise awareness in the community through level 1 suggestions.

- Set up a recycle station and provide frequent education to remind the community on proper use.
- Train green volunteers to ensure recycle station is maintained and used properly.

B. Energy efficiency

Monitor and implement water wise and energy efficient systems. Continue to raise awareness in the community through level 1 and 2 suggestions.

- Install solar panels
- Monitor and minimize water waste
- Plant a water-wise native garden

Please see attached documentation for steps completed in level _____. We are committed to going green in our masjid and agree to take consistent steps as outlined above for level _____. We understand that these funds are a result of the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and community members. We agree to honor and respect their efforts by utilizing these resources in the best way to fulfill the trust that the funds are being used to make lasting and meaningful change in our communities to GO GREEN.

Masjid Name: _____

Masjid Board Member: _____ Date: _____

Title of Board Member: _____

Masjid email: _____

Green Masjid Liaison (name and email): _____

Mailing Address for Check: _____

Check made to: _____

Please attach supporting documentation here. This can be photos, videos, social media posts, etc. of steps taken to go green at your masjid.