

Application Overview



How Do I Submit an Application?

Application Portal:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESBApplication24>



**ELECTRIC
SCHOOL BUS
GRANT PROGRAM**

Scan the QR Code below to begin your application!



The graphic features a blue background with a yellow border. At the top left is a yellow lightning bolt icon. To its right is the text 'ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS GRANT PROGRAM' in white and yellow. Further right is an illustration of a yellow school bus with a charging cable plugged into its side. Below this is a large QR code in a yellow and black pixelated pattern, set within a blue 3D frame. At the bottom right is a photograph of a real yellow electric school bus, labeled 'SCHOOL BUS' and 'NT210', parked on a green carpet.



Overview & Acknowledgements Pages

- Overview – Due Date (5:00 pm on Friday May 17, 2024), Eligibility, Funding Amounts
- Fine Print, Please! - #/Type of Buses, Eligible/Ineligible Expenses
- Acknowledgement Page
 - Incomplete Application Warning
 - 7 checkboxes with information required to be available in order to complete the application
 - 4 checkboxes indicating you understand the parameters and requirements of the program



Applicant & Bus Information

- Section A – Applicant Information – Address, Phone, e-mail, school district, region, towns operated in, overburdened community status
- Section B – New Electric School Bus Information – How many buses and how many DC Fast Chargers (do not include bi-directional here)
- Section C – Information for Calculating Emissions Benefits – # decommissioning and for each – weight class (6, 7, 8), Engine MY, VMT/year, gallons of fuel/year, idling hours/year

Additional Project Information – Section D

- Participation in EPA's Clean School Bus Program, Yes/No
- Four (4) File Uploads Required; One (1) Optional; File Formats Accepted: PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPG, JPEG, GIF
 - ☐ Project Readiness.
 - ☐ Utility Engagement.
 - ☐ Community Engagement. Optional.
 - ☐ Timeline.
 - ☐ Budget.
- File uploads should all begin with your district name. (i.e. LaceyTownship_ProjectReadiness, LaceyTownship_UtilityEngagement)

Bi-directional Charging Pilot – Section E

- Optional. How many electric school buses for bi-directional charging (2 – 8) and how many decommissioning.
- Four (4) File Uploads Required; File Formats Accepted: PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPG, JPEG, GIF
 - ☐ Bi-directional Partner engagement.
 - ☐ Bi-directional Utility Load Form and Maximum Building Capacity.
 - ☐ Bi-directional Pilot Readiness.
 - ☐ Bi-directional Budget.
- File uploads should all begin with your district name and include BD for Bi-directional. (i.e. LaceyTownship_PartnerEngage_BD, LaceyTownship_UtilityLoadForm_BD)



If Bi-directional Pilot App Not Awarded

- Not all bi-directional charging pilot applications will be awarded. Therefore, the final questions of the application allow you to modify the total number of buses and charging stations you would like to apply for.
- Section E – Final Questions
 - If your Bi-directional Charging Pilot application is NOT awarded, please indicate how many electric school buses you would like to include in this application. (choice of 2 – 16)
 - If your Bi-directional Charging Pilot application is NOT awarded, how many Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) charging stations (not ports) are you applying for? (choice of 0 – 16)



What Happens Next?

- Your application is not submitted until you click “DONE” at the end.
- Once submitted, a “Thank You” screen will appear.
- All applicants will be notified of their application status by the end of June 2024.



Application and Additional Resources

For full program details and to apply:

<https://dep.nj.gov/stopthesoot/electric-school-bus-program/>

Still have questions? Contact us (include “Electric School Bus Grant Program” in the subject line):
stopthesoot@dep.nj.gov

Additional Resources:

- WRI Electric School Bus Initiative: <https://electricschoolbusinitiative.org/>
- WRI Technical Assistance Program: <https://electricschoolbusinitiative.org/electric-school-bus-initiative-technical-assistance-menu>
- New Jersey Electric School Bus Buyers’ Guide (NJ Sierra Club and Clean Cities Coalition):
https://njcleancities.org/images/downloads/eBook/nj_esb_buyers_guide.pdf
- Joint Office quick start guide: <https://driveelectric.gov/files/school-bus-fleet.pdf>
- Some additional resources on NJDEP webpage: <https://dep.nj.gov/stopthesoot/electric-school-bus-program/>