

# Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact

## Application Form

The Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact is a multi-tiered environmental leadership program for Illinois universities and colleges that are interested in incorporating sustainable policies and practices throughout their campus operations, in addition to academic, student life and community engagement activities.

Consider becoming a compact member if you want to:

- Network with other Illinois campuses regarding sustainability;
- Be recognized as a sustainability leader in Illinois;
- Find out about successful sustainability initiatives at other institutions;
- Learn how sustainability can improve your operations and programs.

To submit an application, review the application instructions, mark the participation level under which your institution pledged to enroll in the sustainability compact program and complete the application form for your participation level.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION. Identify your institution by name, address, city and postal code.

University or College Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. CONTACT PERSON. Provide the name and contact information for the person that can be contacted for technical information regarding your application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

3. PARTICIPATION LEVEL. Identify the participation level under which your institution pledged to enroll in the sustainability compact program. You may also apply for higher recognition status at a later date once your institution has completed all the goals in its initial compact pledge (Please check one).

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

4. APPLICATION DATES. The Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact operates on a year-round basis. There is no enrollment or application deadline to be accepted into the program. Once your application is approved by the compact review committee, you will be notified of your recognition status and listed on the campus sustainability compact web site.

5. RECOGNITION STATUS. Applicants will receive recognition status for a period of five years. The institution may remain at its participation level for as long as it continues to make progress toward its commitment. If the institution achieves all of the goals in the Bronze or Silver participation level, it may apply for higher recognition status at any time.

6. AUTHORIZATION. Include the name and position title of the authorized official with responsibility for sustainability programs within your institution and have the person sign and date the last page of the form.

7. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS. Electronic submissions of applications are encouraged and preferred. Applications sent by email should be sent to: [eric.heineman@illinois.gov](mailto:eric.heineman@illinois.gov). If an applicant chooses to submit a hard copy, please provide three (3) bound or fastened copies. Copies should be mailed to: Eric Heineman, Office of Governor Pat Quinn, 100 W. Randolph, Suite 15-200, Chicago, IL 60601.

8. REPORTING. Each compact member is required to complete an annual report highlighting the progress made in meeting its commitment over the previous year. This will ensure your institution is moving forward in its sustainability initiatives.

NOTE: All applications and annual progress reports are public information and will be released to members of the public upon request.

FOR QUESTIONS about the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact, please contact: Eric Heineman, Office of Governor Pat Quinn, at (312) 814-5220 or [eric.heineman@illinois.gov](mailto:eric.heineman@illinois.gov), or Kevin Greene, Illinois EPA, at (217) 785-0833 or [kevin.greene@illinois.gov](mailto:kevin.greene@illinois.gov).

PART 1. BRONZE LEVEL. This participation level is for institutions that are ready to create a sustainability program and engage the campus community. To be enrolled at this level, an institution must pledge to achieve three (3) of the goals outlined below by 2015. Please mark the boxes that were checked off on your campus sustainability compact for Bronze Level designation.

We have pledged to:

- Have a written statement, declaration or policy acknowledging support for sustainability.
- Create a focal point to lead sustainability work across the campus (e.g., steering committee, task force, specific office or dedicated staff).
- Create a web site that raises awareness and generates interest about the institution's sustainability efforts.
- Create opportunities for students and faculty to provide suggestions for advancing sustainability on campus.

PART 2. SILVER LEVEL. This participation level is for institutions that are ready to make a targeted commitment to greening their operations and monitoring performance. To be enrolled at this level, your institution must have satisfactorily completed all four (4) of the Bronze Level goals and pledged to achieve the goals in the Silver Level by 2015.

Please check off the items you have completed in the Bronze Level and provide additional details about the initiatives you have implemented where indicated. We have completed the following goals:

- Adopted a written statement, declaration or policy acknowledging support for sustainability. Please attach a copy of the statement, declaration or policy with the application, or provide an Internet link: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Created a focal point to lead sustainability work across the campus (e.g., steering committee, task force, specific office or dedicated staff). Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Created a web site that raises awareness and generates interest about the institution's sustainability efforts. Please provide the URL address for your sustainability web site: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Created opportunities for students and faculty to provide suggestions for advancing sustainability on campus. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please mark the items that were checked off on your campus sustainability compact for Silver Level designation. We have pledged to:

- Foster student involvement on steering committees or advisory councils that guide administration on issues of campus sustainability.
- Set measurable sustainability objectives or targets and include a timeframe for meeting the objectives. The sustainability objectives should address the generation of waste and at least three (3) other significant environmental impacts from buildings or operations.
- Establish a system to monitor and assess the progress of campus sustainability projects and goals.
- Implement at least three (3) of the following sustainability best practices. New initiatives are encouraged for fulfilling these measures, though institutions will be credited for recent or existing initiatives. Please check the appropriate boxed.

- Target at least three (3) products and/or services for a green purchasing initiative.
- Adopt a policy or guidelines that commit to a specific green building rating system for new construction and major renovation projects (e.g., Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System).
- At least once a year, hold an event on campus that encourages students to adopt or try a sustainability practice(s).
- Partner with one or more local entities (e.g. K-12 school, government agency, civic organization, business association) on a project that promotes sustainability at the community level.
- Establish mechanisms and incentives to encourage faculty to integrate sustainability themes and topics into existing curricula through learning outcomes, course objectives and student assignments.

**PART 3. GOLD LEVEL.** This participation level is for institutions that are ready to integrate sustainability throughout their campus and work towards measured improvement. To be enrolled at this level, your institution must have satisfactorily completed all four (4) goals in both the Bronze and Silver levels, as well as pledged to achieve two (2) of the goals in the Gold Level by 2015.

Please check off the items you have completed in the Bronze Level and Silver Level, and provide additional details about the initiatives you have implemented where indicated. We have completed the following goals:

- Adopted a written statement, declaration or policy acknowledging support for sustainability. Please attach a copy of the statement, declaration or policy with the application, or provide an Internet link: \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- Created a focal point to lead sustainability work across the campus (e.g., steering committee, task force, specific office or dedicated staff). Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Created a web site that raises awareness and generates interest about the institution's sustainability efforts. Please provide the URL address for your sustainability web site: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Created opportunities for students and faculty to provide suggestions for advancing sustainability on campus. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Fostered student involvement on steering committees or advisory councils that guide administration on issues of campus sustainability. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Set measurable sustainability objectives or targets and included a timeframe for meeting the objectives. The sustainability objectives should address the generation of waste and at least three (3) other significant environmental impacts from buildings or operations. Please list your performance objectives and general timeframes for meeting the objectives: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Established a system to monitor and assess the progress of your campus sustainability projects and goals. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Implemented at least three (3) of the following sustainability best practices. New initiatives are encouraged for fulfilling these measures, though institutions will be credited for recent or existing initiatives. Please check the appropriate boxes.

- Targeted at least three (3) products and/or services for a green purchasing initiative. Please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Adopted a policy or guidelines that commit to a specific green building rating system for new construction and major renovation projects (e.g., Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System). Please attach a copy of the guidelines or policy, or provide an Internet link: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- At least once a year, held an event on campus that encourages students to adopt or try a sustainability practice(s). Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Partnered with one or more local entities (e.g. K-12 school, government agency, civic organization and business association) on a project that promotes sustainability at the community level. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Established mechanisms and incentives to encourage faculty to integrate sustainability themes and topics into existing curricula through learning outcomes, course objectives and student assignments. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please mark the items that were checked off on your campus sustainability pledge for Gold Level designation. We have pledged to:

- Endorse or participate in at least one national or international program that recognizes and encourages progress towards sustainability in higher education, such as the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment, AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, or an equivalent program that provides a framework for continual improvement towards sustainability.
- Integrate sustainability broadly into campus operations and management by adopting one or more of the following actions:
  - Develop a sustainability plan that covers multiple topics and issues;
  - Incorporate sustainability at a high level in the institution’s strategic plan;
  - Include sustainability as a key principle in the campus master plan.
- At least annually, notify the campus community at large on the progress the institution is making toward achieving its sustainability goals.

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, I CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Contact Name	Title
Signature	Date

Thank you for voluntarily committing to be a sustainability leader!