Energy Navigator Volunteer Application

Energy Navigators are concerned and capable residents who help their friends, neighbors and other community members learn about ways they can reduce their energy use and energy bills and use renewable forms of energy to heat and power their homes. They also try to lead by example!

Energy Navigators commit to a year-long program that includes a period of training, followed by supervised outreach and education with community members. Volunteers are expected to give at least 50 hours of their time over the course of the year to related outreach activities, and help at least ten of their contacts with energy-related actions (please read the Volunteer Job Description for more information on expectations).

Energy Navigator trainee selection is based on an applicant’s ability to attend the training sessions, and their capacity and interest in helping others. Preference is given to volunteers who are connected to diverse populations in rural and urban areas.

The 10-session Energy Navigator Training will begin on Wednesday, April 8\textsuperscript{th}, 2020 from 6-8:15 pm at Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County or another downtown location. After the training, monthly gatherings will be held to support Navigator outreach activities, and share additional information.

Application Deadline: Monday, March 9\textsuperscript{th}, 2020

Return to: Get Your GreenBack Tompkins, CCE-Tompkins, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850, fax (607) 272-7088 or email kwb6@cornell.edu. You may also apply online at www.getyourgreenback.org/navigators.

Questions? Contact Karim Beers, Get Your GreenBack Tompkins coordinator, at kwb6@cornell.edu.

| Date of Application: ________________________ | Do you Rent or Own: ____________________ |
| Name: ______________________________________ | Email: ________________________________ |
| Phone(s): _________________________________ | Email | Phone | Text |
| Preferred Communication Method (Circle One): Email | Phone | Text |
| Birthdate if under 18: ______________________ |
| Resident of: Caroline_____ Danby_____ Dryden_____ Enfield_____ Groton_____ Ithaca (City)_____ Ithaca (Town)_____ Lansing_____ Newfield_____ Ulysses/T-burg_____ Other: ____________________ |

If a response requires more space than is provided, feel free to use additional paper.
1. Why do you wish to become an Energy Navigator? (Why is it a good fit for you?)

2. What skills and experience do you bring that will help you be a successful Energy Navigator and/or a resource to other volunteers? (e.g. experience with community outreach, diverse community contacts and networks, relevant studies or work experience in energy fields, first-hand experience with energy efficiency or heating, etc.)

3. Which of the following things are you doing/have done or would like to do? Mark all that apply.

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4. On a personal level, if the program could help you with one energy improvement, what would it be?

5. Check (✓) three of the following Energy Navigator training topics that most interest you.
   ___ Home Energy Use – Understanding Utility Bills
   ___ Energy Efficient Homes – Energy Audits – DIY vs. Contractor
   ___ Electricity, Lighting & Appliances
   ___ “Smart” Meters, Thermostats, Power Strips & other Appliances, Time of Use Rates
   ___ Heating Systems
   ___ Solar Power & Renewable Energy
   ___ Electric Vehicles & Sustainable Transportation
   ___ Local Food & Waste Reduction
   ___ Trust, Relationship Building & Community Outreach
   ___ Climate Change & Our Carbon Footprint
   ___ Other: ____________________________________________
6. Have you ever volunteered/worked for Cooperative Extension before: ___Yes ___No
   If yes, give dates, program position, County/State

7. Check (✓) two of the following volunteer activities that most interest you. While everyone is expected to help at least two of their contacts with energy-related decisions, there will be other opportunities for volunteering. Your answer will give us a sense of the type of activities you are most interested in.
   ___ Informal conversations with friends, family and neighbors on energy-related choices
   ___ Presentations to community groups on energy-related issues and local resources available
   ___ Following up in person or over the phone with people who request energy advising
   ___ "Tabling" and engaging with people at community events and festivals
   ___ Answering questions via email or on the phone
   ___ Updating/developing factsheets or program resources, website, articles, social media, etc.

   Which one of these would be your top choice? ___________________________________
   Comments (optional):

8. Approximately how many hours per week do you anticipate volunteering? _____________

9. Where did you learn about the opportunity to volunteer as an Energy Navigator?

10. Would you be willing to host a training session or gathering at your home? Marking "yes" is not a commitment, but lets me know it may be a possibility. Homes with renewable heating systems, solar, or other relevant characteristics are useful for the group's learning.
    ___ Yes ___ No
    If 'yes', please describe what might be useful about using your home.

11. Do you anticipate having any trouble with transportation to training sessions?
    ___ Yes ___ No
    If 'yes', please describe.

12. Do you have any physical or health accommodations that may be needed to allow you to participate in Energy Navigator training and/or volunteering?
    ___ Yes ___ No
    If 'yes', please describe.

13. Do you now have, or anticipate, any obligations that may prevent you from fulfilling the volunteer commitment to the Program over the next year? ___ Yes ___ No
    If 'yes', please describe.
## References

List two people, not related to you, that we may contact who have knowledge of your qualifications.

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