



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 30 hours of their time over the course of the year to related outreach activities, and help at least two 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 11th, 2018 from 6-8:15 pm at Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca. After the training, monthly gatherings will be held to support Navigator outreach activities, and share additional information.

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 11th, 2018

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: _____

Phone(s): _____ **Email:** _____

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.

	Am Doing / Have Done	Would Like to Do	Not Now
Energy audit on home			
Air sealed & insulated home			
Solar electric (PV) or solar hot water			
Heat with wood or wood pellets			
Heat with heat pumps (air-source or “geothermal”)			
Drive an electric vehicle or a hybrid			
Other:			

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.

	Reference 1	Reference 2
Name		
How they know you		
Email		
Telephone		

☺ *Thank you for applying!* ☺

STIPEND APPLICANTS ONLY

If you are applying for the stipend, please complete the following section as well:

1. Briefly describe how you are well connected to, and able to communicate well with, residents with low-incomes in the focus area. Please mention groups of people you have connections with.

2. Briefly describe why you think you can be successful.