

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 60 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 9-session + Introduction Energy Navigator Training will begin on a rotating basis.** After the training, monthly gatherings will be held to support Navigator outreach activities, and share additional information.

**Application Deadline:** None currently. Applications are accepted when they are submitted.

**Return to:** Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County, 2043B State Highway 68, Canton, NY 13617

**Questions?** Contact Nick Hamilton-Honey, North County Energy Navigator Volunteer Coordinator, nh327@cornell.edu or 413-885-5725 cell.



**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 which County:** Clinton\_\_\_\_ Essex\_\_\_\_ Franklin\_\_\_\_ Hamilton\_\_\_\_ Jefferson\_\_\_\_ Lewis\_\_\_\_ St. Lawrence\_\_\_\_

*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?**

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If ‘yes’, please describe.

**12. Do you have any physical or health accommodations that may be needed to allow you to participate fully 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, this does not eliminate you from the program. CCE strives to accommodate our volunteers needs.