MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

MTSU Sustainable Campus Fee Funding Request Form

The Sustainable Campus Fee (SCF) supports projects that advance sustainability at MTSU. This form allows students, faculty, and staff to propose initiatives that contribute to a greener campus through energy efficiency upgrades, infrastructure improvements, education, research, and efforts to enhance campus biodiversity.

There are 5 sections to the application: Section I: Contact Information, Section II: Project Category, Section III: Project Description, Section IV: Project Cost, and Section V: Project Performance Information (For applicable projects).

The Sustainable Campus Fee is administered through a partnership with the Office of Student Affairs, the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership, and the Center for Energy and Sustainability (CES).

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Request Number ***SCFR27000080***

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SECTION II: Project Category

Please note that all proposed projects will have to comply with MTSU campus guidelines and recommendations.

1. Select the category that best describes the project. (Select One - See Descriptions Below)

Biodiversity

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Energy Conservation/Efficiency - (e.g. installing LED light bulbs, adding insulation to walls, replacing old appliances with energy-efficient models, installing programmable lighting, etc.)

Renewable Energy - (e.g. implementing projects to harness naturally replenishing sources like wind, water, and sunlight to generate electricity - like solar-powered picnic tables, etc.)

Sustainable Transportation - (e.g. installing covered bike racks, replacing fuel vehicles with electric vehicles, etc.)

Alternative Fuels - (e.g. setting up electric vehicle charging stations, implementing hybrid or electric vehicles, purchasing electric or propane power equipment, etc.)

Recycling - (e.g. purchasing recycling bins, improving signage, recycling difficult materials, etc.)

Waste Reduction - (e.g. establishing a reuseable to-go container program, reducing food waste, installing waterbottle filling stations, etc.)

Water Conservation - (e.g. purchasing rain barrels, creating a rain garden, switching to low-flow water fixtures, installing low-flow water valves, etc.)

Biodiversity - (e.g. planting pollinator garden, tree planting, installing bird boxes, etc.)

Education - (e.g. hosting a sustainability fair to raise awareness about green practices, hosting bike repair and/or safety workshops)

Research and Innovation - (e.g. researching the effects of microplastics, solar feasibility study, etc.)

SECTION III: Project Description

Please include as much detail as possible in this section. The more information you provide, the better equipped the adjudication committee will be to fully understand your request and make an informed decision.

To expand a text box, click and drag the two diagonal lines in the bottom-right corner. This allows you to adjust the size and view of your content as you type.

1. Project Title

Arboretum Tree Care Project

2. Scope: Work to be accomplished

Contractor/Arborist would do selective pruning, deadwooding, root stimulant, and general care to multiple trees on campus to improve their look and life expectancy. Some of our trees are over 100 years old and other mature trees could have their life expectancy reach this as well if they receive some extra care. Work will focus mostly on our arboretum trees.

3. Scope: Benefit Statement

Improvement to the overall look of campus, as well as, extending the life of large, mature trees. Trees take many years, even decades to reach their mature size. Prolonging the life of these trees has a huge benefit as these trees have the largest impacts with removing carbon, producing oxygen, providing shade, and being a habitat for wildlife.

4. Location of Project

Multiple areas of campus including our arboretum trees.

5. Participants and Roles

Grounds Services in partnership with the contractor/arborist.

6. Student Participation in the project and/or Student Benefit from the project

Students would benefit from the above mentioned Benefit Statement along with extending the life of trees that are used for educational purposes on campus as well.

7. Future Operating and/or Maintenance Requirements

No additional costs.

8. Additional Comments or Information Pertinent to the Proposed Project

Any supporting documents or attachments will be on the pages following the SCF Request.

Note, all projects are expected to be completed by December 31, 2026.

SECTION IV: Project Costs

1. Project Cost Estimate

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2. Source of Estimate

Contractor/Tree Worx

3. Has previous funding from this source been awarded?

Yes

If Yes, please explain how this request differs from previous funding request.

We started this process a couple of years ago and still haven't been able to reach all of our targeted trees yet. Some of the previously treated trees need further work as well. We work with the arborist to identify the priority of the tree care.

SECTION V: Project Performance Information

If your project is expected to reduce energy consumption (e.g. through lighting upgrades or HVAC improvements etc.), please provide an estimate of potential savings. Feel free to contact the Center for Energy and Sustainability for help making these calculations at ces@mtsu.edu.

1. Estimated Annual Energy Savings (Estimated in kW, kWh, Btu, etc.)

2. Annual Energy COST Savings ($)

3. Annual Operating Cost Savings or Other Cost Savings. Specify in dollar amount, if applicable. ($)

4. Matching or Supplementary Funding (Identify and explain, if applicable)

Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that a project summary and photo must be submitted, if I am awarded funding and upon completion of the project.

Supporting Documentation or Attachments if provided.