

## History of The Clean Energy Committee

In 2005, Evergreen students voted in over 90% favor for a self-imposed clean energy fee. As a result, each student currently pays \$1.00 per credit, every quarter, to purchase Green Tags from Evergreen's energy providers (Puget Sound Energy and Tacoma Public Utilities). Because of the Clean Energy Initiative, Evergreen offsets 100% of our electricity purchases with green, renewable sources. In fact, according to the EPA, The Evergreen State College is the 8th largest purchaser of green energy in the country.

Besides helping to make our planet, our community, and our college a greener, healthier, and more sustainable place to live, the Clean Energy Initiative created an added bonus: the Clean Energy Fund. 10% of the money collected from clean energy fees are apportioned to this fund. The sole purpose of the Clean Energy Fund is to provide financial support for on campus renewable energy projects. Projects eligible for funding must fall into one of the following categories: 1) research into renewable energy and conservation technologies; 2) clean energy projects intended to save energy or produce electricity; or 3) demonstration projects which educate the community about sustainable technologies.

As a student of The Evergreen State College, you have a great opportunity to cultivate your ideas into applied solutions with the intent of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. All that is required is a little ingenuity, determination, and thoughtful planning. Simply read the Clean Energy Grant guidelines and fill out an application. Your application will be reviewed by the Clean Energy Committee, (made up of four students, the director of student activities, the director of facilities, and a faculty member) which is responsible for the allocation of the Clean Energy Fund.

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# Clean Energy Committee

At The Evergreen State College



The Clean Energy Committee strives to promote clean energy technology by providing financial support for green energy projects that benefit the college, the local community, and the global environment. Through this measure and also by helping to fund larger projects that address energy efficiency, carbon emissions, and climate change, the Clean Energy Committee seeks to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and align itself with The Evergreen State College's goals of carbon neutrality and overall sustainability.

## Who We Are

- 4 Evergreen Students
  - *Committee Coordinator* – organizes meetings and communication among committee members.
  - *Technology Researcher* – stays current with clean energy market and maintains relationships with Puget Sound Energy and Bonneville Environmental Foundation
  - *Community Outreach Coordinator* – updates the website, makes publications, writing articles, and
  - *Administrative Liaison* – maintain relationships with campus administration, the Space Management Committee, and the Campus Land Use Committee
- 1 Evergreen Faculty Member
- The Director of Student Activities
- The Director of Facilities

## Past Projects

- Electric vehicles
- Bike racks
- Solar cells on library building
- Hydrogen fuel cell research
- Gasification research
- Native plant restoration
- Solar powered bus shelter
- The Biodiesel Project

## Submitting a Proposal

On-campus clean energy/energy reduction

- research
- demonstration
- education
- Implementation

Grant application:

[www.evergreen.edu/committee/cleanenergy/grant.htm](http://www.evergreen.edu/committee/cleanenergy/grant.htm)



Include:

- Project name, your name, class standing, contact information
- Faculty sponsor
- How does this project add to your academic goals?
- The location of your project on campus
- Description of project with timeline
- Address the need for your project
- Precise budget
- Approval of affected campus representative

# The Clean Energy Committee

## What is Green Power?

Green Power as defined in the Revised Code of Washington (19.29A.090) refers to electricity supplied by renewable energy sources such as:

- Wind Power
- Solar Power
- Geothermal Power
- Qualified Hydropower
- Gas from various form of Biomass

## Why buy Green Power?

- Student Initiative – The students wish to participate in the purchase of renewable electrical energy.
- Renewable Energy Support – Increases the probability of increased development of renewable NW energy sources.
- Reduce Greenhouse Effects – Reduces the burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, and

natural gas in our region.

- Strengthen Community Relations – Purchasing green power demonstrates Evergreen's leadership in improving our environment.