



Tree Campus



STRONGER COMMUNITIES START WITH GREENER CAMPUSES

Tree Campus Higher Education is a trusted, sustainable forestry program that's tailored for colleges and universities. With a clear, simple framework, education leaders can craft a program that makes their campus healthier and happier. And with Tree Campus recognition, your school will be seen as a leader and a positive force in your community.



Why become a Tree Campus

TREES MAKE CAMPUS LIFE THRIVE

Incorporating trees into your campus enhances student life, supports academic goals, and strengthens your institution's impact. Trees create healthier, more vibrant learning environments while also offering hands-on opportunities in sustainability, forestry, and environmental leadership. Through tree-focused projects, students engage with their peers, faculty, and the broader community, leaving a lasting mark on both campus and planet.

Get Recognized

Earn physical and digital recognition materials for your school, including a plaque and the Tree Campus Flag!

Get Connected

Join a network of colleges and universities committed to a healthier future.

Stay informed

Access new tools, project ideas, and stories from other recognized campuses across the country.



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How it works

THE TREE CAMPUS JOURNEY

To become a Tree Campus, you'll need to build and implement your plan to meet the five program standards throughout the year, submit your application in the fall or winter, and celebrate your accomplishments in the spring.

Achieving Recognition

BECOME A TREE CAMPUS

Eligibility: Two- and four-year accredited colleges and universities in the United States.

- **Prepare, Assemble, and Plan:** Take our quick online Readiness Quiz to see how close your campus is to meeting the Tree Campus standards. Then, gather your team of students, faculty, staff, and community partners and start planning.
- **Meet the Standards:** Throughout the calendar year, work toward meeting the five core standards for Tree Campus Higher Education Recognition. Involve students in hands-on projects like tree plantings, service-learning, campus forestry research, and outreach events. Don't forget to document your work along the way!
- **Submit:** Applications open each fall, and campuses should submit them by their state's deadline. Document and upload activities and evidence as you go to make the application simple when the time comes.

Tree Campus Higher
Education Standards

1. CAMPUS TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Establish a committee that includes representatives from students, faculty, facility management, and the community. This group guides tree-related decisions and fosters campus-wide engagement.

2. CAMPUS TREE CARE PLAN

Develop and implement a comprehensive plan that outlines policies for planting, maintaining, and removing trees on your campus.

3. INVESTMENT

Allocate dedicated funding for the campus tree program.

4. ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE

Celebrate Arbor Day with your campus to highlight the importance of trees.

5. SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

Engage students in a hands-on project that connects them with the campus or local community through tree-related activities



READY TO GROW YOUR CAMPUS IMPACT?



For more information and to take our short readiness quiz, visit arborday.org/treecampususa