

Vermont Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative

Leading Vermont's efforts to strengthen campus tobacco policies
and reduce tobacco use on college campuses



STARS Application

All Vermont institutions of higher learning are invited to apply and will be recognized on our website and in public VT TFCCI communications (newsletter, press releases, etc.) if they meet minimum standards for one of the STARS categories. To apply, please complete the following application, answer the questions below and place a check (✓) in the box to the left of each item your school meets. Please include a copy of your current tobacco policy.

Please submit the application along **with a copy of your current tobacco policy** to:

Vermont Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative

c/o Mariah Sanderson

PO Box 1353

Burlington, VT 05402

Or submit via email to Mariah@burlingtonpartnership.org

For more information about the Vermont Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative, the STARS Recognition Levels or for an electronic version of this application, please visit www.tobaccofreecampusvt.org or call (802)652-0997.

Educational Institution: _____

Administrator: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. The college/university campus is 100% tobacco-free*. Tobacco use by staff, faculty, students and visitors is prohibited at all times in all college/university affiliated buildings, on all college/university grounds and at all off-campus meetings, conferences and fundraisers. Approx. date policy began: _____ Explain how your institution

meets this standard, describe how the policy is enforced on your campus and include a copy of the current policy with this application.

** Tobacco use is defined as the use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chew, snuff, snus, and non-FDA approved nicotine delivery systems, such as electronic cigarettes.*

2. Appropriate signage explaining the campus policy is posted at key locations, including entrances to campus, buildings, parking lots, and on grounds. *If you have a photograph or example of sign language please send it along with your application.*

3. Educational materials about tobacco use, treatment opportunities, secondhand smoke, and the campus policy are readily available to students, faculty, staff and visitors.

4. Tobacco education, prevention and treatment related information and resources are integrated into existing trainings, events and programs. Check any below that have been implemented at your institution in the last year.
- Staff supervisors receive training on how to discuss tobacco use and the current campus policy with their staff.
 - Residence hall staff and other student leaders receive training on how to discuss tobacco use and current campus policy with fellow students.
 - Awareness of the campus policy and dangers of secondhand smoke and tobacco use are integrated into campus events such as student orientation.
 - An ongoing campus group is working to increase awareness of the campus policy, dangers of secondhand smoke and effects of tobacco use, such as a Wellness or Tobacco Committee.
 - Training is offered to help campus community members discuss tobacco use (example, Maine Helpers Training).
 - Training support is offered to help campus providers discuss and treat tobacco use (example, Center for Tobacco Independence Basic Skills and/or Intensive Tobacco Treatment Training).
 - Other:

5. Tobacco treatment services are a covered benefit in the college/university's insurance plan for employees and dependents and in your student insurance plan.

6. The advertisement and/or promotion of tobacco products is not allowed on the college/university campus or at satellite facilities, including advertising in university publications, such as newspapers and magazines.

- 7. The sale and/or free distribution of tobacco products and paraphernalia is prohibited, at all times, on campus and at all campus sponsored events, including by any student group or organization.
- 8. Campus supported organizations and events are prohibited from accepting money or goods from tobacco companies.
- 9. The college/university has a written policy stating that it refuses all donations from the tobacco industry, and divests itself of all tobacco company stock
- 10. The college/university provides information on 100% smoke-free local lodging to campus visitors.
- 11. The school has a tobacco policy that limits secondhand smoke exposure by designating smoking to specific areas that are at least 50 feet away from buildings, parking lots, entrances and other common areas.
- 12. An ongoing campus workgroup/steering committee/task force is working to increase awareness of dangers of secondhand smoke and improve the current policy to reduce smoke exposure.
- 13. School has identified a target date for policy change and a plan of action to implement a Smoke-free or Tobacco-Free Policy.
- 14. Other _____

Thank you!

You will hear back from Mariah Sanderson within 30 days on the status of your application.



Recognize Your Own Campus Stars!



In addition to recognizing colleges and universities for their progress in the tobacco-free movement, the Vermont Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative would like to help you acknowledge champions of smoke- and tobacco-free living on your campus. If applicable, please take a moment to call our attention to any individuals, programs, or unique approaches that should be publically recognized during press notifications, events, or on our website

Name (Individual or Program): _____

Title (Individual Only): _____

What makes this person/program one of your champions?

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Date Received: _____

Follow-Up: _____ Notes: _____