**Application Form for Sustainability Grants**

Students are encouraged to apply for a sustainability grant through the MCC Sustainability Committee if they have a project idea to implement on campus that can further the mission purpose of the sustainability committee.

The purpose of MCC’s Sustainability Policy ([C-I-a](https://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/C-I-A.pdf)) is outlined below. A full copy of the policy can be found online.

*“The purpose of the college-wide policy on sustainability is to develop a culture of sustainability on campus by engaging college personnel, departments, college partners, and students in environmentally sustainable practices and education with the goal of conserving and protecting the environment.”*

An individual or group of students can apply for up to $500 in funds to carry out their project. The project, in order to be selected for funding:

* Must address environmental sustainability goals on campus
* Must have a concrete plan for implementation
* Be completed during the long semester in which the project is awarded.

Each awarded grant project will be assigned a faculty/staff sponsor from the Sustainability Committee to help oversee and assist with the project. Projects will be selected based on the merit of the project AND the merit of the project lead.

This application will have a rolling deadline. Grant proposals are due by the first day of each month for any month during a long semester (Fall and Spring) in which class extends through the end of the month (i.e Applications would be due August 1 since class extends through the end of August, but no applications would be accepted after April 1 since May does not hold class through the end of the month).

Students who are interested in this opportunity, but would like help brainstorming ideas, are welcome to contact the Sustainability Committee at: sustainability@mclennan.edu

Each application must contain:

1. Contact information for the project lead.
2. A faculty or staff recommendation in support of the project lead and their ability to complete the project.
3. A budget, timeline, and description of the proposed project that addresses how the project will be completed, how the funds will be used, and how the project meets the goals of the campus sustainability policy.

This is your chance to create a project that benefits the community! This project also has great benefits to you. Benefits to the student for being selected for a sustainability grant:

1. The student project will be featured in the quarterly sustainability snapshot and on the sustainability website.
2. The faculty sponsor will help the student(s) develop poster presentations for MCC’s Scholar Day and the annual city-wide Waco Green Communities Conference.
3. Faculty sponsors can assist with letters of recommendation for the student(s)
4. Students have the opportunity to implement a unique project on campus.

Main categories for sustainability projects:

* Composting, Gardening, and Vermiculture (worm culture)
* Waste reduction (Recycling, MCC Shred Day)
* Protecting native species and habitats
* Educational outreach (a Farmer’s Market Booth, working with the Waco Wetlands, Highlander Game Day, etc.)
* Encouraging alternative energy/reducing carbon footprints on campus
* Sustainable food options (vegan/vegetarian eating, locally sourced produce, meant, and dairy, growing your own food, etc.)
* Pollution reduction
* Water quality and conservation (rainwater harvesting, local waterway testing, etc.)
* Other projects that address campus sustainability goals

Please submit your completed application to sustainability@mclennan.edu

Project Lead Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MCC ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Lead Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other Project Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Provide a brief overview of your project or grant request:
2. Why are you interested in this project?
3. What other students, faculty, staff, entities, or community partners will need to be involved with this project?
4. How will this project address environmental sustainability on MCC’s campus?
5. List (or attach separately to the application) a proposed budget for your project. Please research exact prices for items and include the online links to items in your budget.
6. Describe a specific timeline for implementation of this project that demonstrates when each component will be completed. Remember that the project must be completed within the semester in which the grant is awarded.
7. Is there any long-term maintenance that is required for this project - if so, describe the effort required and who can complete this maintenance: