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## MTSU Clean Energy Initiative Project Funding Request

There are five (5) sections of the request to complete before submitting. See <http://www.mtsu.edu/sga/cleanenergy.shtml> for funding guidelines. Save completed form and email to [cee@mtsu.edu](mailto:cee@mtsu.edu) or mail to MTSU Box 57.

1. General Information	
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2. Project Categories (Select One)			
Select the category that best describes the project.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Energy Conservation/Efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Fuels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Environmental Conservation)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewable Energy		

3. Project Information
3a. Leave No Trace Master Educator Certification, Request to fund Middle Tennessee Outdoor Pursuits staff members to receive this certification.
3b. Cost of Course – \$595.00 x 4 staff members Total - \$2,380
3c. Leave no Trace official website; <a href="https://lnt.org/events/leave-no-trace-master-educator-course-cullowhee-nc-0">https://lnt.org/events/leave-no-trace-master-educator-course-cullowhee-nc-0</a>
3d. N/A

4. Project Description
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4a. Scope: With the funding requested, the four selected staff members will book their reservation for the master educator course. Staff members will coordinate and plan the three-day trip to North Carolina.

This will include an inspection of the MTSU van, and necessary paperwork; Risk management, driving directions, trip itinerary.

Staff members that receive this certification will be expected to put this to use in the Fall 2018 semester and host an on campus LNT awareness workshop.

4b. Scope: For this project, MTOP will send four selected staff members to the Landmark Learning Basecamp in Cullowhee, North Carolina on June 18th 2018 to receive the master educator certification for Leave No Trace. According to Lnt.org "This course provides participants with a comprehensive overview of Leave No Trace skills and ethics through practical application in a field-based setting. It is run as a combination of a one-day classroom component, three-day/two-night field component, and one-day community outreach opportunity. Students will practice Leave No Trace teaching strategies by delivering a planned lesson. The Master Educator Course prepares students to deliver two-day Leave No Trace Trainer Courses and one-day or shorter Awareness Workshops. Course completion results in Master Education registration with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, a Leave No Trace Master Educator certificate, and a one-year Leave No Trace membership.". Currently, MTOP's outdoors coordinator is the sole certified master educator. With multiple certified staff members, the outdoors group will have the ability to host educational workshops and spread awareness of Leave No Trace ethics not only to trip participants but throughout MTSU's student body on campus. The Leave No Trace vision is "To sustain healthy, vibrant natural lands for all people to enjoy, now and into the future. Every person who ventures outside puts Leave No Trace practices into action."

#### **4. Project Description (continued)**

4c. The Master Educator Certification is held at the Landmark Learning Basecamp in Cullowhee, North Carolina on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Future educational workshops will be held in the Outdoor Equipment Rental (OER), located in the Campus Recreation Center.

4d. Four selected MTOP staff members will coordinate the planning and preparation to drive an MTSU van to Landmark Learning Basecamp in Cullowhee, North Carolina on June 18th, 2018.

4e. Student participants on MTOP sanctioned trips will receive more in-depth education of Leave No Trace ethics that will benefit MTSU in minimizing environmental impacts on trips as well as on campus. Workshops on campus will spread awareness of the difference an individuals impact can have on the environment in which they operate, and the responsibility to take care of it.

MTOP is an important part of MTSU that strives to serve the student body and facilitate students to venture outdoors and gain memorable experiences going places and doing things they may not have done before. MTOP goals also include being respectful of the outdoors we are privileged to enjoy and educate participants to do the same.

4f. This Certification is a one-year certification.

Future classes and workshops will be hosted by MTOP.

4g. N/A

## **5. Project Performance Information**

5a. N/A

5b. N/A

5c. N/A

5d. MTOP staff members have access to outdoor equipment available in the Outdoor Equipment Rental Center, and by utilizing this resource during the trip's overnight stay, funding will only be required for the cost of the certification course.