



Solar STAR Scholarship Program

Solar Sonoma County's STAR scholarship program has partnered with the [Solar Living Institute \(SLI\)](#) and [International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers \(IBEW\) Local 551](#) since 2010 to improve the lives of many. This program is a series of solar installer training and certification courses, which is awarded to selected individuals in need of job re-training and financial assistance.

“Our mission is to remove the barriers to successful implementation of solar power by creating a workforce that is ready to respond to the demand for clean energy,” said Alison Healy, Solar Sonoma County's Executive Director.

Since the program's founding in 2010, Solar Sonoma County has awarded six scholarships. Through Solar Sonoma County's STAR Scholarship Program, SSC is helping to increase the awareness of solar energy and the potential to improve our economy through the creation of clean energy jobs. SSC is also committed to creating a diverse workforce that includes low-income community members.

As a result of SSC internships and community outreach, scholarship recipients have since moved on to solar energy related jobs within the county.

“Getting this scholarship has benefited me financially as well as increased my knowledge on how to help the environment and better the lives of others.”

-Eduardo Huerta, Solar STAR recipient

Solar Sonoma County's STAR Scholarship Includes:

- Free training classes for solar PV Installation through partner organizations
- Work program: includes volunteer hours at Solar Sonoma County. This position will create opportunity to network with other solar businesses and vendors.
- North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners Exam (NABCEP). This certification will help increase chances of being hired as well as create a greater opportunity for better pay.
- One-on-one mentoring to improve resume and interview techniques.
- Upon completion you will receive a Solar STAR certificate from the Solar Sonoma County Scholarship Program.

How Do I Qualify?

- Proof of low-income status
- Commitment to the clean energy industry
- Answer a qualifying questionnaire
- Sign agreement of commitment to attend all scheduled classes, meetings and trainings

If you are interested in Solar Sonoma County Scholarship Program, email gosolar@solarsonomacounty.org.