



NORTH CAROLINA Solar Center

Advancing Clean Energy for a Sustainable Economy

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Resources for Financial Assistance for Renewable Energy Diploma Series courses-continuing education

The Employment Security Commission and your local county Social Services can help you pay for your registration if you are unemployed and are eligible for the Workforce Investment Act (ARRA funding). Below are a few resources that are available to you.

Employment Security Commission

1. If you are unemployed, visit your local Employment Security Commission office. (Appearing in person and talking with a case worker is the best way to get results.)

2. Bring information on the program/programs. Bring the brochure.it can be downloaded from the left hand side of the website:

<http://tinurl.com/ncsc-training-programs>

3. Know what workshops you want to take. If you need advice about the courses offered by the Solar Center, call us:

Maria O'Farrell, Training Programs Manager 919.538.8287

Lyra Rakusin, Extension Specialist 919.513.7769

JoAnn Henry, Extension Specialist 919.513.790

4. Tell your case worker about the classes you want to take and why they are important for you to take it. Usually, they can pay for more than one workshop.

5. To provide your ESC case person with our NC Star's program listing give them the following instructions:

- Go to : <http://www.ncstars.org/>

- Click on "Search NC Stars"

- Click on Raleigh on the map

- Default will have Training Provider Search checked, Click "Program Name Keyword Search"

- On the next page, enter the word "Renewable" in the search box

- Click the first choice in the list which is "North Carolina State University-Office of Professional Development "

6. Get ESC to issue a voucher and have them fax it to Lowndes Lipscomb at 919.515.7614

NOTE: You can also call Lowndes at 919.513.2161 with questions and to register you for the course (s) by phone once he has received verification that ESC will be sending a payment.

NOTE: Pell Grants will NOT pay for these classes. NC Solar Center workshops are considered continuing education and non-credit courses.

Local County Social Services

Each county will have different requirements and processes. If request is accepted, they usually reimburse for training.

Sallie Mae

If you are ineligible for retraining funds, you may be able to apply for a loan. Sallie Mae offers loans for our courses.

Anyone interested in applying for a Sallie Mae loan should call Darla Alexander at 919.515.9092