



The NSE-Solar for All project is sharing the profits generated by this clean energy with neighbors like you! The Energy Stipend is a direct payment to your electric bill of up to \$500 annually. The Root + Branch team is administering the benefits for the NSE solar project

To be eligible to participate in this Energy Stipend program you must:

- 1) Have a Pepco Electricity bill in your name
- 2) Be income qualified
- 3) Be a resident of the District of Columbia

Please complete the information below. Incomplete or missing information may result in denial or delay in approval of your application. You can learn more about this funding and the NSE Solar for All project at [www.nsesolarforall.com](http://www.nsesolarforall.com)

If you have questions about this program or application please email [solarforall@rootandbranchinc.com](mailto:solarforall@rootandbranchinc.com) or text us your questions to 202.495.1657. You can also call 202.495.1657 and leave a message with your name and number and we will return your call as soon as we can!

Submit this application via email to [solarforall@rootandbranchinc.com](mailto:solarforall@rootandbranchinc.com) with a recent electric bill showing your address and account number. If you selected a category of income eligibility, please also provide proof of eligibility; document(s) must be from within the last year.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Pepco Account Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Ward \_\_\_\_\_ ANC, if known \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Required**

**Tell us a little about your home (optional):**

Is this a temporary address? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Dwelling: ( ) Single Family ( ) Multi-Family

Are you the homeowner? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Do you own or rent ( ) Own ( ) Rent

Do you currently receive a utility allowance? ( ) yes ( ) no

Are you responsible for paying your electric bill? ( ) Yes ( ) No



**Household and Eligibility (Required)\*:**

**Do any of these apply to you?**

- ☐ Existing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipient  
☐ Existing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipient  
☐ Existing Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient  
☐ Existing District's Housing Choice Voucher Program recipient  
☐ Existing Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) recipient or an  
☐ Existing Residential Aid Discount Program (RAD) recipient  
☐ Another Solar for All program  
☐ None of the above (see next question)

**If yes to any of the above please provide proof of participation in at least one of the programs you are participating dated within the last 12 months. This is all you will need to verify your income eligibility.**

**If no to all of the above please attach with this application:**

Copies of your (1) DC Issued photo ID, (2) Social Security Card, **and** (3) Proof of gross annual income for each individual within the home.

**Tell us a little more about yourself (Optional):**

Primary Language

☐ English ☐ Amharic ☐ Chinese ☐ French ☐ Spanish ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Korean ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about District of Columbia programs for: ☐ Weatherization ☐ Solar ☐ Utility discount programs

How did you hear about the Neighborhood Solar Equity program?

☐ DOEE ☐ Housing Up ☐ Salvation Army ☐ Jubilee Housing

☐ George Washington University ☐ NSE Website ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



**Application Affirmation and Authorization to Verify Income (Required)**

I swear or affirm that all information on this application, and all information I submitted or will submit in support of this application, is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, ability and belief. My signature on this application grants NSE, or its designee, permission to contact any party necessary to verify the information I have provided.

I understand that I will be notified in the event that this Solar for All assistance is no longer available or if this application is denied.

I hereby grant permission to NSE to provide me with information about programs for which I may also be eligible.

Report Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Mismanagement to the District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General. Confidential Toll Free Hotline: 1-800-521-1639 or 202-724-TIPS (8477). Email: [hotline.oig@dc.gov](mailto:hotline.oig@dc.gov).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Details of the Neighborhood Solar Equity Energy Stipend

**Project and Program Information:** This Neighborhood Solar Equity project was built with support from Solar for All, a program of the Department of Energy and Environment. You can learn more about it at: <https://doee.dc.gov/solarforall>. This project and its benefits are administered by Root + Branch, Inc. You can learn more about Root + Branch at [www.rootandbranchinc.com](http://www.rootandbranchinc.com). For more information about the NSE project, its partners, and its production visit [www.nsesolarforall.com](http://www.nsesolarforall.com)

**Subscription Start Date:** If your application is approved, your subscription will start upon receipt of a confirmation of enrollment letter.

**Term:** Your subscription will last for three (3) years from the subscription start date as long as all eligibility terms remain.

**Electricity Bill Payment:** You will continue to receive a bill from Pepco and are responsible for paying the bill. The credit on your account will be reflected in a lower total owed to Pepco. If your Pepco account becomes deactivated, this may cause your subscription to be cancelled. If this happens, you will have to reapply to join the Program, upon reinstatement of your Pepco account.

**Continuing Eligibility:** If, during the benefit period of your subscription, you are no longer eligible for the Program because your income is too high, you are legally obligated and agree to notify NSE within 60 days of your change of status.

**Benefit:** Your energy stipend is based on the energy production of the solar systems located on George Washington University's campus in Foggy Bottom. The value of the benefit each month will equal .15 x the solar energy facility's electricity production for the month multiplied by the percentage dedicated to this program and divided by the number of participants in the program. The value of the benefit may change each quarterly payment depending on actual solar production. The Benefit calculation is set forth in the following equation:

$$(\text{Solar facility output kWh} \times .15) / \# \text{ of subscribers} = \text{your energy stipend}$$

**Benefit Timing:** You will receive a monthly allocation paid once every quarter directly to your PEPCO account. Due to solar production's variation throughout the year these will likely not be equal payments each quarter, however annually you can expect to receive up to \$500 in total.

**Income Verification:** As a participant of our DOEE Solar for All program as administered by Neighborhood



Solar Equity you are considered certified for a period of 42 months from the date you are enrolled in the program.

**Early Termination:** You may terminate your subscription at any time by notifying the Neighborhood Solar Equity team. We may terminate your subscription early if we determine that you no longer meet the eligibility requirements. Your subscription will automatically terminate without notice upon change of address or change of Pepco account number.

**Early Termination Fee:** There is no penalty for early termination. If you need to opt out of the program at any time, please contact us at the contact information below.

**Assignment:** You may not transfer or assign your subscription to any other person or household.

**Data Release:** You agree to allow DOEE, or its designee, to access and use your historic and future electricity usage and billing data directly from Pepco and your Program subscriber data for the duration of your subscription for analysis, to ensure that credits are being allocated correctly, and to verify compliance with the terms of the Program and relevant District regulations.

**Waiver of Claims:** You acknowledge that we are not ensuring that you will receive any particular amount of savings, or any savings at all (due to circumstances beyond our control such as if solar production ceases, if laws or regulations change, etc.) and that the amount of benefits that you receive will depend on the generation of electricity by the associated solar facility and the number of subscribers in the Program, among other factors. You are not eligible to receive any tax benefits or environmental attributes related to the solar facility.

**LIHEAP benefits:** In fiscal year 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021) if you have a Pepco account you will be eligible for the approximately \$500 in benefits over the year, as well as at least the minimum Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefit of a \$250 one-time credit on either your gas or electric bill. Solar for All benefits will not impact your ability to receive emergency LIHEAP funding. However, DOEE reserves the right to change this policy in future years, as funding and need varies year by year. The NSE team will do its best to inform you of any DOEE changes so that you can decide whether you want to opt out or continue. Ultimately, LIHEAP benefits will be based on energy usage and energy burden. And over time, as a Program participant you will gradually need less bill assistance over time as your Solar for All benefits accrue.

**Contact:** You can use the contact page at [www.nsesolarforall.com](http://www.nsesolarforall.com), you can email the program administrators at [solarforall@rootandbranchin.com](mailto:solarforall@rootandbranchin.com), or you can call or text 202.495.1657.