



Illinois Solar for All
A STATE PROGRAM

Your Guide to Participation: Residential Solar

Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) brings electric bill savings to income-eligible homeowners through on-site solar installations. This guide outlines the key steps you will take to become an **Illinois Solar for All participant**.



1. Determine Your Eligibility

ILSFA is available to income-eligible homeowners in Illinois whose income does not exceed 80% Area Median Income (AMI). Visit illinoisSFA.com/Eligible to use our online eligibility tool to see if you qualify.

2. Find an Approved Vendor

An Approved Vendor is a vetted, qualified solar company that is responsible for all aspects of your solar installation. You can find an Approved Vendor by browsing our online directory at illinoisSFA.com/Approved-Vendors.

3. Connect with an Approved Vendor and Schedule a Site Assessment

After connecting with an Approved Vendor, they will review your electricity usage for the past 12 months and ask for proof of homeownership, such as a deed or tax bill. Your Approved Vendor may visit your home to determine whether your property is best suited for roof-mounted or ground-mounted panels. If your site is not suitable for a project, you can still consider other solar options through ILSFA, such as Community Solar.

4. Sign Your Contract

Your Approved Vendor will prepare a standard Disclosure Form to provide you with estimated savings and disclose the size of your system. Then, review your contract and ask your Approved Vendor questions before signing to ensure that you understand the terms.

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5. Behind the Scenes at ILSFA

Your Approved Vendor is responsible for the following technical and financial details. Here's what to expect:

- Your Approved Vendor completes an application for your solar project to be a part of Illinois Solar for All, ensuring that you receive program benefits such as electric bill savings.
- The ILSFA program reviews and verifies the application and sends it to the Illinois Commerce Commission for approval.
- The Illinois Commerce Commission approves the corresponding Renewable Energy Credit (REC) contracts between your Approved Vendor and your Contracting Utility (e.g., Ameren Illinois, ComEd, MidAmerican).
- Your Contracting Utility signs the contract and returns it to your Approved Vendor. Under the REC contract, your Approved Vendor "sells" the RECs produced by your solar project to the Contracting Utility, which is how they receive incentives to help save you money on your electric bills.

6. Your Solar Project Is Installed

Your Approved Vendor will keep you informed of the installation timeline and plan. They'll also work with your utility company to connect your project to the electricity grid and get it up and running.

7. You're on Your Way to Saving Money on Your Electric Bills

You will save money because you are using electricity generated by your solar panels, which reduces how much electricity you need from your utility company. With ILSFA, you will pay less for electricity than you would without joining the program because savings are required by the program.

Get Started!

Ready to save money with solar? Visit IllinoisSFA.com/Solar today to learn more!

