



## MSUM Student-Run Recycling Program Pilot Project

The Office of Campus Sustainability conducted an audit of recycling services at MSUM and found that there is significant room for improvement. Students have been aware of the inadequacies for some time, and have been calling for a student-run recycling program funded by the Green Fee.

However, nobody knew what a student-run recycling program would look like, or who would provide administrative support to the students. Now that MSUM has a full-time Sustainability Coordinator, it's time to empower MSUM students to take the reins on recycling.

- Students who feel strongly about protecting our environment and making MSUM a greener campus will bring a blend of skills, drive, and ingenuity to improve recycling
- Every building has its own problems, and having one student dedicated as a "recycling liaison" to each building will allow for customized solutions and give help students learn problem solving and critical thinking skills in a real-world setting

### How it works

- A team of approximately 20 student recyclers will be assigned a building where they live or have class, and will be paid \$15/week to spend 1-2 hours collecting recycling
- Students will earn money through redemption of aluminum cans to pay for an end of semester trip of their choosing. Students must earn points to qualify for the trip.

Basic duties will earn points for the end of semester trip:

- Empty recycling in a timely manner
- Ensure proper signage at the bins
- Weigh materials and report weekly
- Attend monthly team meetings

Going over and above earns bonus points:

- Increasing volume over baseline
- Decreasing # of bins
- Talking to GMW's or Office workers
- Can't give you all the answers!!!

Interested in applying? Contact [Joe.Herbst@mnstate.edu](mailto:Joe.Herbst@mnstate.edu) for an application, or attend the info session on **January 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm in CMU 203. Food and drinks will be provided.**

