

Energy to Care Award Categories and Criteria

Energy to Care Award

The Energy to Care Award honors health care facilities for achievements in health care sustainability. In the inaugural year (2006), ASHE awarded 9 facilities with this prestigious award. These awards have grown to over 202 recipients in 2024. The criteria for winning an Energy to Care award include:

- Facility MUST be tracking energy and water consumption, as well as Greenhouse Gas emissions in the Energy to Care Dashboard. Signature verification of data accuracy is required.
 - NOTE: 10% of award winners' data will be randomly chosen, will be verified for each award cycle.
- Reduction 10% weather normalized source EUI savings in a single year (comparing 2025 to 2024 baseline)
- **OR** reduction weather normalized source EUI 15% savings over two years (comparing 2025 and 2023)
- **OR** reduction weather normalized source EUI 5% savings in a single year PLUS previous winner (comparing 2025 to 2024)

How to WIN and be RECOGNIZED?

- Track energy, water and greenhouse gas emissions in the Energy to Care Dashboard. To learn more and begin tracking, click [here](#)!
 - Energy to Care Award eligibility is visible in the dashboard through the “Awards Progress” widget!

Awards Progress
Period Ending September 2022



- Energy to Care utility data must be updated and verifiable no later than April 1, 2026 12:00 AM CST.
- ASHE will contact eligible winners no later than May 1, 2026 for the 2026 Award Year.
- Winners will be recognized at the 2026 ASHE Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference, Aug 2-5, 2026, Minneapolis, MN.
- PDF award certificate, award logos, letter of recognition, and information on purchasing award logo wear and physical award hardware will be sent to facilities teams by September 1, 2026.

2026 Sustainability Champions

The Energy to Care Sustainability Champion recognizes facilities who demonstrate leadership in health care sustainability. Multiple facilities are eligible to win this distinguished award on an annual basis. Applications are available on the [Energy to Care website](#) and due April 1, 2026. Criteria to win this award include:

- Track energy, water and greenhouse gas emissions in the Energy to Care Dashboard. To learn more and begin tracking, click [here](#).
 - Facilities are required to provide Professional Engineer (PE) verification
- Facility must have an ENERGY STAR score 75 or above
- Facility must be an ENERGY STAR Certified Hospital (must have been certified in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025).
- Facility or system must have a published Sustainability Statement.
- Facility or system must have a designated Sustainability Champion on staff or sustainability lead on staff.
- Facility must have a designated Green Team

How to WIN and be RECOGNIZED?

- The Energy to Care Sustainability Champions Award is an application only process. Applications will be available on the [Energy to Care website](#) no later than April 1, 2026.
- Winners will be notified no later than May 15, 2026.
- Winners will be recognized at the 2026 Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference, Aug 2-5, 2026, Minneapolis, MN.
- PDF award certificate, award logos, letter of recognition, and information on purchasing award logo wear and physical award hardware will be sent to facilities teams by September 1, 2026.
- Sustainability Champions will be recognized on the Energy to Care website and in ASHE publications. Champions must agree to submit photos of the facility and access to team members to be interviewed for publications.

2026 Energy to Care Sustained Performance

- Facility MUST be tracking energy and water consumption, as well as Greenhouse Gas emissions in the Energy to Care Dashboard. Signature verification of data accuracy is required.
 - NOTE: ASHE will verify award winners' data for each award cycle.
- Facility must have an ENERGY STAR Score of 75 or above for three years consecutively (2023, 2024, 2025) **OR** weather normalized SOURCE EUI equal to baseline (2022) or lower for 3 or more years (2023, 2024, 2025).

How to WIN and be RECOGNIZED?

- The Energy to Care Sustained Performance Award is an application only process. Applications will be available on the [Energy to Care website](#) no later than April 1, 2026
- Winners will be notified no later than May 15, 2026.
- Winners will be recognized at the 2026 ASHE Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference, Aug 2-5, 2026, Minneapolis, MN.
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