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This is the campus's third Gold Star rating.

The University of Minnesota, Morris has earned a [STARS Gold rating](#) from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) in recognition of its sustainability achievements. STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

Morris has earned the highest STARS rating of any school in Minnesota. This is the third time the campus has been recognized with a Gold Star rating. Morris was a pilot participant in the STARS program in 2010 and achieved STARS Gold certification in 2012 and 2015.

Morris students received the AASHE Student Sustainability Leadership Award in 2013, and Chancellor Emeritus Jacqueline R. Johnson served as AASHE board chair in 2014.

With more than 800 participants in 30 countries, AASHE's STARS program is the most widely recognized framework in the world for publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university's sustainability performance. Participants report achievements in five areas:

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- [Operations](#)
- [Planning and administration](#)
- [Innovation and leadership](#)

"STARS was developed by the campus sustainability community to provide high standards for recognizing campus sustainability efforts," says AASHE Executive Director Meghan Fay Zahniser. "Morris has demonstrated a substantial commitment to sustainability by achieving a STARS Gold Rating and is to be congratulated for its efforts."

About AASHE STARS

AASHE's mission is to empower higher education to lead the sustainability transformation. It provides resources, professional development and a network of support to enable institutions of higher education to model and advance sustainability in everything they do, from governance and operations to education and research. For more information about AASHE, visit aashe.org. For more information about the STARS program, visit stars.aashe.org