STAR GRANT – PORTAL GUIDE

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What is the SWTF Grant Administration Portal?



The SWTF Grant Administration Portal is an online grant management platform.



Previously, applications and reimbursement requests were downloaded by applicants/awardees and emailed to SWTF Grant Program Staff. Now, applicants/awardees may complete and submit applications and reimbursement requests online through the portal.

Transition Timeline



Current STAR awardees and applications submitted prior to August 15, 2024, may submit reporting to epd.star@dnr.ga.gov



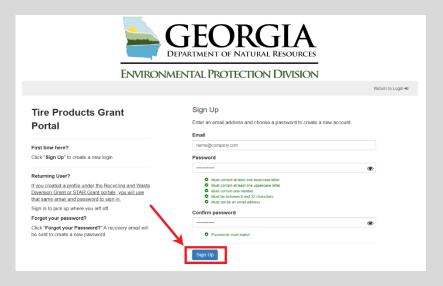
Starting August 15, 2024, all new applications and subsequent reports must be submitted through the portal.

Profile

Profile: Create Account



- Click on the link for the desired grant portal.
- Users will be directed to the landing page.
- If this is the users first time logging into any of the portals, the user will click the "Sign Up" button towards the bottom of the page.

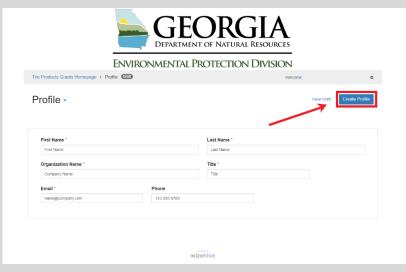


- Users will be asked for an email and to create a password. The password must:
 - Contain one lowercase letter
 - Contain one uppercase letter
 - Contain one number
 - Be between 8 and 32 characters
 - Not be an email address
- After, entering in login information, users will click the "Sign Up" button.

Profile: Create Profile

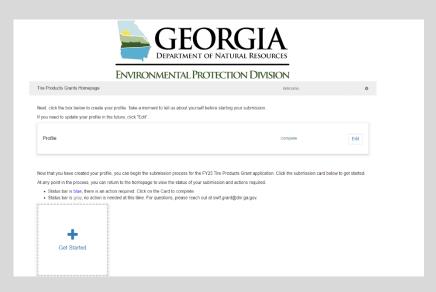


- Users will be taken to the portal homepage.
- Users will then be directed to create their profile by clicking on the "Create a Profile to Get Started" button.

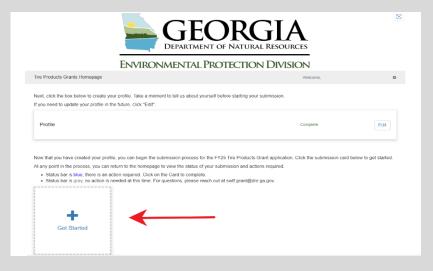


- Users will be taken to the profile page and asked to fill in the required fields.
- Users will enter in their first name, last name, organization name, title, email, and phone number.
- Once the user has entered in all required fields, they will hit the "Create Profile" button.

Profile: Create Profile



- Users now have successfully created their profile.
- Profiles can be edited at any time.



 Users will hit the "Get Started" button to begin their application.

Application



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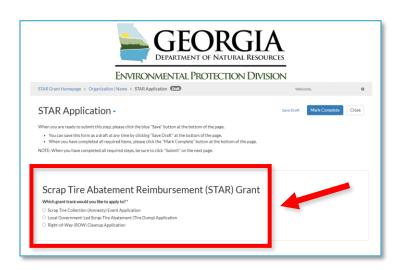
After creating your account and setting up your profile, you will be ready to submit an application.

Click the square 'Get Started' to begin a new application.

Click 'Open' to start filling out the application.

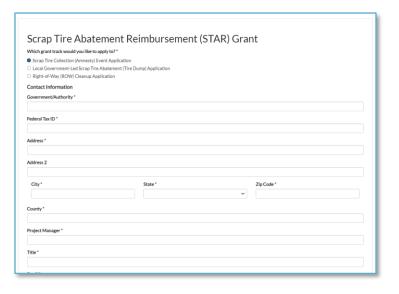
After you have started the application, you may save it and complete it later.

Once an application has been submitted, you will not be able to go back and edit it, unless opened by SWTF Grant Program Staff.



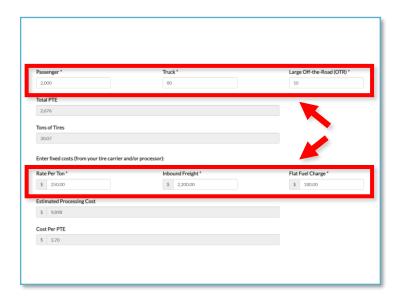
You will be asked to select which of the three grant tracks you would like to apply for.

This guidance will show the Scrap Tire Collection (Amnesty) Event Application, but the other two are very similar, with some different questions.



Once a grant track has been selected, you will be able to fill in the required fields.

The first section asks for contact information.

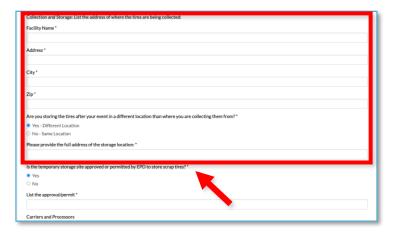


For the Cost Estimate section, fill out:

- The estimated number of each type of tire
- Rate per ton
- Inbound freight
- · Flat fuel charge

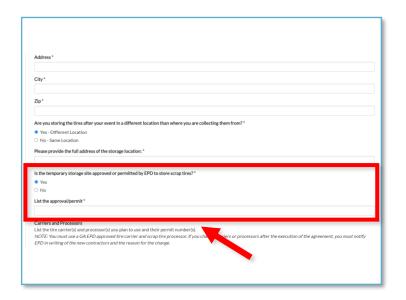
Your tire carrier and tire processor can provide the rate per ton, inbound freight, and flat fuel costs.

Total PTE, tons of tires, estimated processing cost, and cost per PTE will calculate automatically.

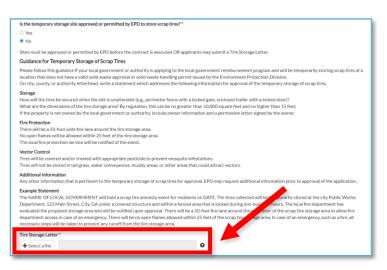


In the Collection and Storage section, fill in the address of you tire collection location.

If you will be storing tires at a different location after the event, click 'Yes' and list the address.



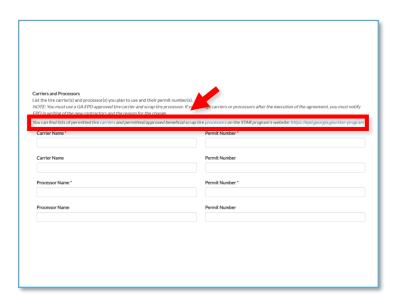
If the tire storage location is permitted or approved by EPD to store scrap tires, click 'Yes' and list the approval or permit number.



If the tire storage location is **not** permitted or approved by EPD to store scrap tires, you will need to submit a tire storage letter on city, county or authority letterhead.

The application provides information on what to include in the tire storage letter.

Upload your tire storage letter by clicking the '+ Select a file' button.



List the permitted tire carrier(s) and processor(s) you intend to use in the Carriers and Processors section.

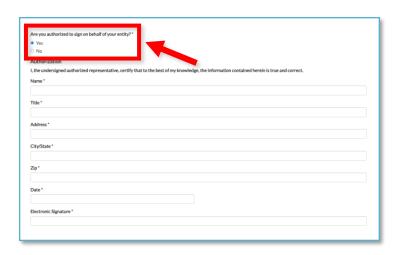
You must list at least one carrier and one processor.

Click on the links for lists of permitted carriers and processors with their permit numbers.

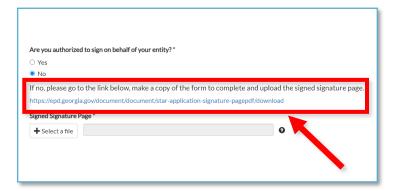
To be eligible for reimbursement, permitted carriers and processors must be used, and you must contact EPD if you plan on changing carriers or processors after submitting your application.



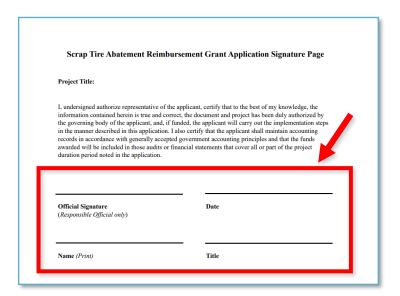
Read each statement in the Acknowledgments section and click on the applicable response.



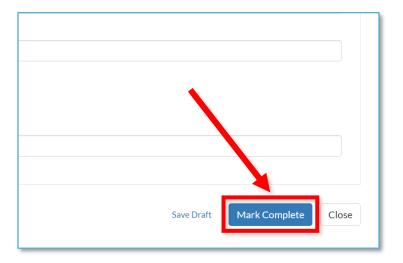
If you are authorized to sign on behalf of your entity, click 'Yes' and fill in the required fields to submit an electronic signature.



If you are **not** authorized to sign on behalf of your entity, click 'No' and go to the link provided to make a copy of the signature page.



Have the responsible official fill out and sign the signature page, then upload a copy to the application.



Once all the required information has been filled out, click the blue 'Mark Complete' button at the bottom.

You may also click 'Save Draft' to save your progress on the application so you can return and finish it later.

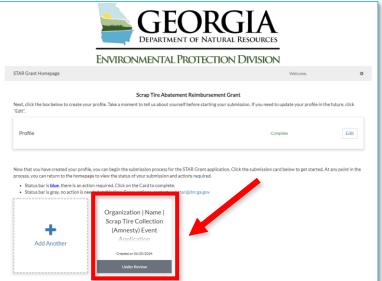


Once the application has been marked as complete, you will be returned to the main application page.

To make changes to the application click 'Edit.'

Once the application is finished, you must click the green 'Submit' button.

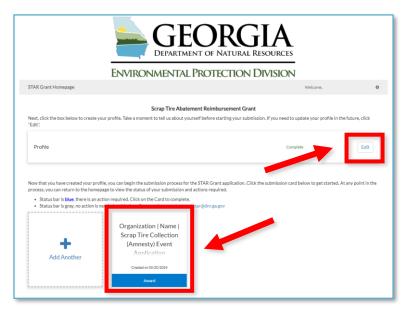
After the 'Submit' button has been clicked, you will be able to view the application, but will no longer be able to make changes.



If you return to the STAR Grant homepage, you can see the status of the application has changed to 'Under Review' and is now gray, meaning that no action is currently required.

You will also receive an automated email once the application has been submitted.

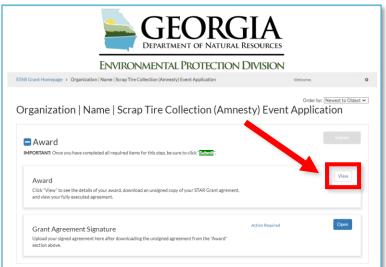
Signing the Agreement



Once you application has been approved, you will receive an email asking you to log into the portal to download, sign, and upload your agreement.

On the STAR Grant Homepage, the card will now be blue again and say 'Award.' Click on the card to continue.

Note that work on your project <u>may not</u> <u>begin</u> until you have received a fully executed agreement signed by EPD.



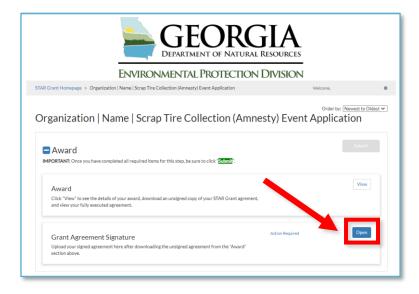
There will now be a new 'Award' section at the top of the page.

In the box that says 'Award,' click the white 'View' button.



Here you will be able to see your award details.

Click on the blue link at the bottom left to download a copy of the unsigned agreement.



After downloading and signing the agreement, return to the portal and click the blue 'Open' button in the box that says 'Grant Agreement Signature.'

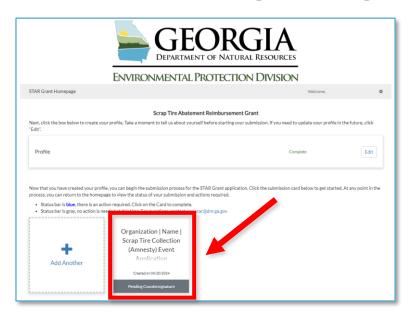


Enter the name of your entity in the Local Government line and click the white '+ Select File' button to upload your signed agreement.

Click the blue 'Mark Complete' button when finished.

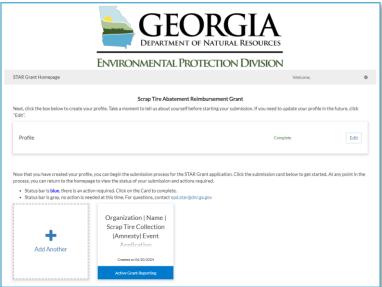


You will be taken back to the main portal page. Click the green 'Submit' button.



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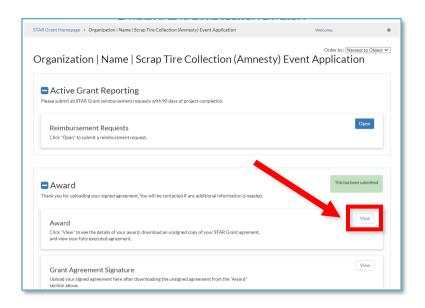
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You will receive an email once your agreement has been executed by EPD.

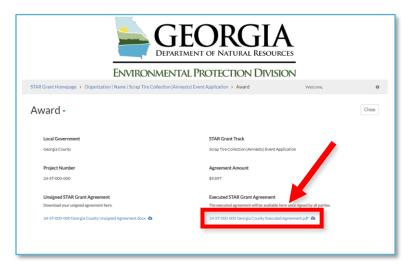
On the STAR Grant Homepage, the card will now be blue again and say 'Active Grant Reporting.' Click on the card to continue.

Viewing an Executed STAR Agreement



There will now be a new 'Active Grant Reporting' section at the top of the page.

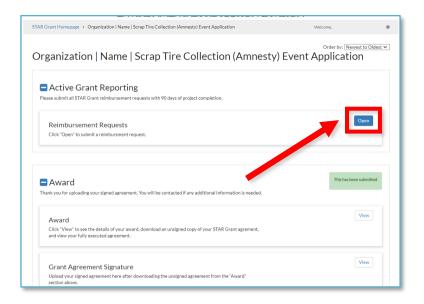
To view the executed agreement, click the white 'View' button in the box that says 'Award.'



Click on the blue link at the bottom right to download a copy of the executed agreement.

Reimbursement Requests

Submitting a STAR Reimbursement Request

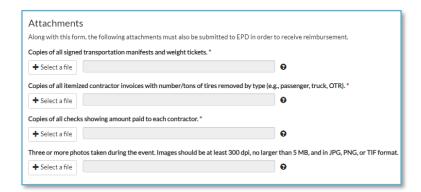


When you are ready to submit your request for reimbursement, click the blue 'Open' button under 'Active Grant Reporting.'



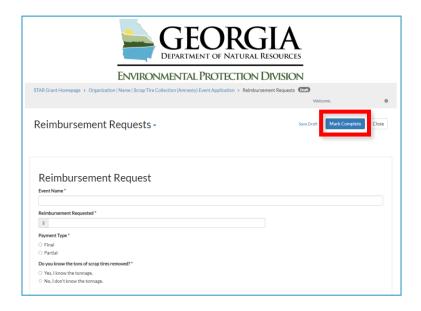
Fill out the required information

Submitting a STAR Reimbursement Request



Near the bottom of the form, you will need to upload copies of:

- Completely filled out and signed copies of transport manifests that show the weight or number of tires collected.
- Invoices with information matching the transport manifests.
- Proof of payment.
- Pictures taken during the event.



Once all the required information has been filled out and documents have been uploaded, click the blue 'Mark Complete' button at the bottom.

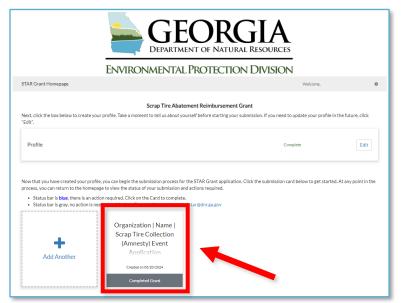
You may also click 'Save Draft' to save your progress on the report and so you can return to finish it later.

Submitting a STAR Reimbursement Request



Once your reimbursement request is complete, click the green 'Submit' button on the main page.

You will receive an email after submitting the reimbursement request.



The card on the homepage will now be gray and say 'Completed Grant.' We will contact you if we need further information and will send you an email once your reimbursement request has been approved.

Resources

STAR Grant Portal: https://webportalapp.com/sp/home/georgia-epd star-grant 2024

STAR Grant: https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/star-grant

SWTF Grant Program: https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection- branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/solid-waste-0



Submit Questions to: epd.star@dnr.ga.gov