



Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility

What is the Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility?

It is a voluntary agreement to “*pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which I work.*”

The Pledge should increase your awareness of your connection to the world around you, decrease your tolerance of the status quo, and prompt you to look for ways to improve your surroundings. The Pledge reminds you that when you have an opportunity to make improvements, you should make the most of it.

Is the Pledge widespread?

Since the Pledge started in 1987, over 100 institutions have adopted it in some form. See a list of participating schools at <http://www.graduationpledge.org/pledge-organizers/schools-involved/>.

Is signing the Pledge required?

No! You should sign the pledge only if you intend to fulfill the commitment. The hope is that your pledge will contribute to a broader effort to build a responsible citizenship and a sustainable world.

What I am committing to if I sign the Pledge?

First, to identify your values and determine what social and environmental responsibility means to you. Your work and personal values change over time. Take a few minutes to think about your priorities to determine which social and environmental issues are most important to you.

Second, to set a goal for making a difference. At work, be a co-creator of the workplace you want to see. After all, job satisfaction comes from more than your paycheck. Participate in mentoring, wellness, and diversity programs. If your workplace doesn't have these things, create them! Support the purchase of office products with recycled content. At home, consider getting your family involved. Recycle, contribute to local charity and social change efforts, increase your energy efficiency. *Small acts, when added together, have big impacts.*

How do I participate?

Complete the Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility Commitment Form and turn it in at a Pre-Commencement Event to receive a Pledge card. If you wish to sign the Pledge and will not be at a Pre-Commencement Event, submit your completed form by email to adamss@webster.edu, by fax to 321-454-7799, or by mail to Webster University, 150 N. Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32953, by May 26 and a Pledge card will be mailed to you. Signatories will receive a green ribbon to wear on their graduation gowns and a certificate of participation at Commencement.

Where can I learn more about the Pledge?

Go to the Graduate Pledge website, www.graduationpledge.org

Some material above adapted from the [Graduation Pledge website](http://www.graduationpledge.org) and the website of the [Graduation Pledge Alliance](http://www.graduationpledge.org) at Rice University.