

Dear Admissions Committee,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in the Master of Environmental Studies program at The Evergreen State College. As an individual passionate about environmental conservation and sustainability, this program will provide me with the knowledge to impact the world positively.

My interest in environmental studies began in my undergraduate studies when I took an introductory course on environmental studies as an elective. This course exposed me to the interconnectedness of environmental issues and their impact on society. Through engaging discussions, thought-provoking readings, and hands-on experiences, I discovered the urgency and significance of environmental studies in shaping a sustainable future. This newfound passion motivated me to pursue a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and, later on, a master's degree. I believe that the Evergreen State College program is the perfect fit for me.

I have a unique perspective on environmental issues, having grown up in Kenya and experienced firsthand various environmental hazards. One particular hazard I have experienced for so long was a water shortage and degraded water quality. Growing up in Huruma Mathare in Nairobi, which had the Nairobi River passing through it, ever since I can remember, this river basin has always been highly polluted, and nothing has ever been done about it. Due to its proximity to our residential area, our water would often get contaminated, leading to prolonged water shortages as the city council had to shut down water distribution to fix it. This has been an ongoing occurrence for several years. I remember the only time we could hear talks about it was during election campaigns when politicians promised to initiate cleaning programs, but these plans

would never get executed. I believe that my experiences growing up in Kenya have given me a unique perspective on environmental challenges and the urgent need for change.

As an undergraduate student in Environmental Studies, I gained a solid foundation in the scientific, social, and political aspects of environmental issues. I have taken courses in botany, environmental policy, and sustainable development, among others. I have also had the opportunity to participate in research projects and internships that have allowed me to apply my knowledge to real-world challenges.

I am particularly drawn to the interdisciplinary nature of the graduate program in Environmental Studies, which combines scientific, social, and political perspectives to address environmental challenges. I am also impressed by the graduate program's practical, hands-on approach, which emphasizes experiential learning and community engagement. These approaches will give me a deeper understanding of our planet's complex issues and the tools necessary to address them.

Ultimately, I aim to use my graduate degree in environmental studies to positively impact the world. Whether through research, policy advocacy, or community-based initiatives, I am committed to working towards a more sustainable and just future for all. I believe that Evergreen State College's Master of Environmental Studies program will provide me with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities necessary to achieve this goal.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to your program and make a meaningful impact in the field of Environmental Studies.

Sincerely,

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