Application Related Information

Application:	Application Incomplete	Iteration Name:	202510_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Ellen Shortt Sanchez	Recommenders Title:	Director, Center for Community Based Learning and Action
Recommenders Institution:	The Evergreen State College	Contact Name:	Cedar Monroe
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	05/29/2024 01:55 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000118697240	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:		Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	
Time since last contact with applicant:		Applicant as productive member of group:	
Relationship with Applicant:		Applicant most significant strengths:	
Ability to complete rigourous grad program:		Responsibility/reliability:	
Communication Skills - Oral:		Communication skills - written:	
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:		Ability to work independently:	
Ability to handle stress:		Ability to think critically:	
Ability to analyze/problem solve:		Ability to think creatively:	
Openness to feedback:		Potential for leadership:	
Ability to work in a team:		Personal/professional reflection:	

Description Information

Description:		Form URL:	https://evergreenstatecollege.radiu

Other Information

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May 29, 2024

Dear MES Graduate Admissions,

I am writing to highly recommend Cedar Monroe for Master of Environmental Studies (MES) at Evergreen. I have collaborated on community work with Cedar since 2007. Cedar was a wonderful Evergreen undergraduate student who worked hard on Immigrant Rights and was a supporter of a big conference held on campus.   Cedar upheld place-based commitments and is very connected to our region. We continued collaborations through Chaplains of the Harbor addressing homelessness and poverty issues in rural Washington. I have valued partnerships with our center at Evergreen and as a neighbor in Mason County. A community with many similar issues related to timber dependent economies and environmental justice.

Cedar is truly interdisciplinary and brings a deep background in social and racial justice, studies in religious leadership, community organizing, farming and environmental concerns. I was able to follow the development Harbor Roots farm and Cedar's inspiration to create a holistic program for job training, ecology, farming and address addiction and housing needs.

Cedar recently published a memoir that is a stunning account of personal growth and challenge as rural person working to fight poverty and racism. I hope to collaborate and bring the text to Evergreen classrooms. This accomplishment showcases strong reflective, research and writing skills. I see Cedar's readiness for graduate studies demonstrated in decades of community work, writings and publishing, responsiveness to current events and commitments to justice.

I hope you will consider Cedar for your program and am writing to share my testimony of long-term contributions. I am confident Cedar will be an amazing contributor to MES and to Evergreen.

With much appreciation,

Ellen Shortt Sanchez (she/her)

Director, Center for Community Based Learning and Action

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