

#### Application Related Information

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Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202510_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Elizabeth Binney	Recommenders Title:	PhD
Recommenders Institution:	Western Washington University, Department of Biology	Contact Name:	Ethan Ross
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:	12/12/2023 06:11 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000116566281	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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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 rigorous 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

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#### Other Information

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December 12, 2023

Master of Environmental Studies Program  
Evergreen State College

Re: Letter of recommendation for Ethan Ross.

It is a pleasure to recommend Ethan Ross to the Master of Environmental Studies Program at Evergreen State College. As a senior instructor in the Biology Department at Western Washington University and as a past independent consulting biologist, I have over 30 years of experience working with undergraduate and graduate students. Ethan is a good student as his academic record indicates. What may not be reflected in his academic record is his determination and dedication to completing his courses as well as work or volunteer endeavors. Ethan was a student my BIOL 204-Introduction to Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity and BIOL 206-Introduction to Organismal Biology courses. He earned a B+ in BIOL 206 and improved to an A- in BIOL 206. Both courses were taken during the pandemic in remote modality.

Ethan was a dedicated student with a very strong work ethic. He took his education seriously as is demonstrated by regular class attendance, attentiveness, and class participation. Attendance, attentiveness, and participation is something, was instructors, we expect of our students; however, with remote modality during the pandemic, even the best students struggled. In addition, Ethan was well prepared for class, turned in assignments on time, and excelled in written expression. He also worked well with others in small group online breakout room exercises. Ethan regularly attended office hours to go over exams and to ask lecture related questions.

Ethan maintains dedication to completing assignments whether that be in academics, work related tasks, or volunteer projects. He puts in the effort needed to do good work and to ensure projects are completed. I would take Ethan on as a graduate student, as I see that he is someone who takes pride in their work and is dedicated to completing a project once started. In view of this I recommend Ethan for the Master of Environmental Studies Program at Evergreen State College.

Please feel free to contact me at [elizabeth.binney@wwu.edu](mailto:elizabeth.binney@wwu.edu) or 360-650-4514 should you have any questions or desire any other information in support of Ethan.

Respectfully,



Elizabeth Binney, Ph.D.  
Senior Instructor