

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Not Verified      Iteration Name: 202610\_GR\_G  
Grad Program Applying To: MES      Program Name: MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Raphael Lartey      Recommenders Title: Project Officer (Communications)  
Recommenders Institution: Ghana Wildlife Society      Contact Name: Yaw Amoateng  
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: 09/27/2024 11:13 AM      Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.  
Recommendation Type: General      Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation  
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000120041799      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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Description:      Form URL: <https://evergreenstatecollege.radiu>

#### Other Information

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27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

Admissions Team  
Evergreen State College  
Olympia, Washington.

Dear Admissions Team,

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I am delighted to write this letter in support of Yaw Darkwah Amoateng's application for the Master of Environmental Studies graduate program at the Evergreen State College. I have known Yaw for about two years, even before his enrollment at the Ghana Wildlife Society. During this time, he has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic and a serious commitment to both his academic and professional pursuits. His dedication and drive to apply innovative approaches to conservation work make him exceptionally well-suited to excel in graduate school.

Yaw quickly distinguished himself with his exceptional proficiency in various digital tools. His ability to grasp and utilize complex technologies showcases a strong potential for success in advanced environmental research. From the beginning, he has demonstrated a forward-thinking approach to conservation, a quality that will undoubtedly prove invaluable in both his future studies and professional endeavors.

One of the most striking examples of Yaw's capabilities was his work on our Ecological Restoration Fund project. In the absence of a dedicated mapping officer, Yaw took on the critical role of producing detailed site maps. His work was outstanding; he gathered and



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analyzed spatial data from various sources to create maps that were both accurate and insightful. This not only highlighted his technical expertise but also demonstrated his ability to apply GIS technology effectively to address complex environmental issues, showcasing his problem-solving skills and ability to utilize the tool.

He managed the mapping responsibilities with a level of professionalism and expertise that is rare. His maps were crucial in visually showcasing our conservation initiatives to stakeholders. They became key tools in illustrating the scope and impact of our work, helping us effectively communicate our efforts to funders, partners, and the public.

He has been involved in most of our community outreach programs, engaging with community members to raise awareness about conservation efforts, educate them on sustainable practices, and inspire collective action to protect local biodiversity. As a conservationist, he understands the importance of connecting with communities to drive real change, which is good for his growth as both a researcher and a leader in the field.

Throughout his time with us, his exceptional work ethic have consistently stood out. He is quick to learn new methods to support practical conservation strategies. His strong critical thinking skills, effective use of technology in conservation, and genuine passion for addressing environmental issues are evident in his valuable contributions at Ghana Wildlife Society. He is poised to make a significant impact in your program and will undoubtedly leverage the knowledge gained to further his knowledge. He is an ideal candidate, and I have no doubt that he will excel and continue to advance in the field of environmental science.

Sincerely,

Raphael N. L. Lartey  
Project Officer (Communications)  
Ghana Wildlife Society.