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MES Admissions Committee The Evergreen State College 2700 Evergreen Pkwy NW Olympia, WA 98505

To the committee,

I am applying for inclusion to the Masters of Environmental Studies program at The Evergreen State College as an alumnus with a Bachelor of Science degree obtained in 2016. I have confidence that my academic achievements in combination with my lifelong interest and commitment to the subject at hand make me a strong candidate for the program.

I have a proven track record of charitable involvement, including specifically related to environmental health. As I have had the opportunity to develop my own business and environmental activities this has only intensified over the years, proving my interest in the field and my sensitivity to the challenges that we face. I have broadened my skills and knowledge in environmental management, especially with regard to ecological concerns, and I hope to be able to engage in a both a personally enriching and broadly productive way with the field through Evergreen's programs.

With thanks for your time and consideration, Fey Boss

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RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS

- Skilled in agricultural practices and administration including Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and conscious environmental stewardship
- Knowledgeable regarding field research, including species identification, tracking and animal behavior analysis
- Knowledgeable of invasive species management methods and regulations for multiple listed species within Washington state, including specific tools and maintenance
- Proficient in performing extensive and in-depth research using both internet and traditional sources and in analysis and synthesis from said sources
- Notable communication and community communication skills with additional practical and policy reference to the farming, fishing, and hunting public
- Competent with office suite skills and in working as a member of a diverse team

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Emphasis Environmental and Agricultural Science March 2016 The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA

RELEVANT ACADEMIC RESEARCH/PROJECTS

- Identified, collected and measured samples of Scotch Broom, made available to Soay sheep alongside regular free choice feed, measured consumption and observed and categorized behavior to assess the viability of using Soay sheep as an environmentally conscious control species for reducing Scotch Broom infestations in affected areas
- Researched, recorded and reported on policy statements and public-facing communications on target invasive species for multiple species beginning with species' dispersals from native habitats including tracking both official and unofficial arrival to the region or to bordering regions where not confirmed present locally, proven and plausible climate change effects on their spread and in detail deleterious effects on economy and environment including pathological damages by disease or parasites, and standing governmental policies regarding said species
- Integrated and summarized policy positions to establish the public experience of working with the government on pest management in both an informal/recreational and professional/commercial basis

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Holiday Committee Chairperson

Fisher House, Fort Lewis-McChord Military Base, Lakewood, WA

- Planned and organized holiday support for residents of Fisher House, a temporary residence for injured and ill military personnel undergoing medical treatment and their families for the Christmas 2011 holiday season as a representative of the charity Soldier's Angels
- Sought and collected charitable donations for holiday meal and gifts from local businesses

Nov-Dec 2011

• Coordinated with other members to prepare and serve the meal and deliver presents as project leader

1987-1991

Natural Area Habitat Assistant

Various locations throughout Broward and Dade Counties, FL

- Collected refuse and categorized evidence of native marine life including bird species, tide pool inhabitants, and shell presence on beaches
- Assisted in post-storm clean-up and assessment of damages to beach and residential areas in the wake of several tropical storms and Hurricane Andrew

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Farm and Winery Owner/Operator

August 2009-Present

Silver Cat Farm, Chehalis, WA

- Became a fully licensed winemaker in compliance with state and federal law and educated in rules and regulations therein and continuing the practice of oenoculture
- Participated and continue to participate in arboriculture to oversee and materially contribute to the health and management of the farm's pome fruit orchards including harvesting and record-keeping
- Obtained and continue to maintain livestock including Soay sheep, chickens, ducks and geese, including breeding, maintenance, harvest and record-keeping and compliance with federal rules and regulations of same as well as pasture management
- Began and continue to maintain tangible community relations by working with local beekeepers, upholding farm bureau membership, local large-animal veterinarians and consulting with land-use and wildlife specialists including Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife on an as-needed basis
- Engaged upon responsible land stewardship including improvement of neglected land including rehabilitating hardpan, bare ground, managing standing dead forest trees, weed management, maintaining an area of forest off limits for grazing or other disturbances, reducing invasive species prevalence including but not limited to starlings and scotch broom