

#### Application Related Information

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Application:	Application Incomplete	Iteration Name:	202610_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Julia Keleher	Recommenders Title:	Director, Student Support and Mentorship
Recommenders Institution:	Michigan Technological University	Contact Name:	Ashley Paine
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:	05/02/2025 01:46 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121940140	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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**Graduate Admissions**

The Evergreen State College  
2700 Evergreen Parkway NW  
Olympia, WA 98502

**May 2, 2025**

Dear Graduate Admissions Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ashley Paine for admission to the Master's in Environmental Studies program at The Evergreen State College. I worked with Ashley during her time as an undergraduate student at the University of Idaho, where I served as Director of the LGBTQA Office. Ashley was a work-study student employee in my office for three years. Although she worked limited hours each week, she was a reliable employee and a positive student leader among her peers.

Ashley was a proactive and responsible student at the University of Idaho. From our first interactions, she demonstrated dependability and compassion for those around her. Idaho is a conservative state, and Ashley had the grit and courage to be an active leader for progressive causes on campus. She was a consistent and dedicated leader in the Planned Parenthood student organization, Generation Action, throughout her three years at the university. As president of the organization, she traveled to the Idaho State Capitol to advocate for reproductive freedom, often facing unwelcoming and harsh reactions from elected officials. Ashley is a strong and brave individual who speaks truth to power when standing up for her beliefs. I was incredibly proud of her lobbying efforts and the impact she made during her undergraduate career.

Ashley is deeply committed to serving both the planet and her community. As a young professional, she has worked to maintain forests and parks in the Pacific Northwest. I believe she will greatly benefit from, and contribute meaningfully to, the Master's in Environmental Studies program. That is why I fully support her admission to the program at The Evergreen State College. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Julia Keleher

Director, Student Support and Mentorship  
Michigan Technological University