

#### Application Related Information

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

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Aedan McCluskey	Recommenders Title:	Supervisor
Recommenders Institution:	Student Conservation Association	Contact Name:	Mason Wiggins
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:	02/16/2025 12:56 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121819291	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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**February 16, 2025**  
**The Evergreen State College**  
**Master of Environmental Studies Program**

Dear Whomever it May Concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend May Wiggins for admission to the Master of Environmental Studies program at Evergreen State College. I had the opportunity to supervise May during the summer of 2024 while they worked as a seasonal Crew Leader for the Student Conservation Association (SCA) in Seattle—a role they fulfilled with great success.

During my time working with May, they proved to be a skillful, thoughtful, and dependable person and employee. As a co-leader for a crew of high school students engaged in outdoor fieldwork and a career-readiness curriculum, May demonstrated strong communication, problem-solving, organization, and critical reasoning skills. From the beginning, they took initiative to enrich the program by incorporating their passion for outdoor recreation, science, and education. They developed and led ecological lessons (e.g. on the importance of wetlands) and facilitated interpretive nature walks at project sites, providing valuable context for the conservation work. They created an inclusive and engaging learning environment for the youth crew, exemplifying their ability to appropriately communicate scientific information to their audience. In addition, they were able to find creative and effective ways to ensure that the work was completed, such as incorporating a daily crew schedule and engaging in group games.

May also excelled in the aspects of the role that involved data collection, daily documentation, and report writing. During a two-week back country camping trip with the crew, they were tasked with collecting community science data for a butterfly-monitoring project. May took the lead in guiding the students to accurately record key information, such as coordinates, timestamps, photo evidence, and observational notes of each butterfly sighting. They then worked to collate and submit the data to the appropriate people. Throughout the program, the SCA also requires Crew Leaders to track the quantitative metrics of the work being done, such as feet of trail improved and acres of land improved. May worked with their co-leader to successfully record these stats and input them into our data collection system. At the end of the season, they wrote and compiled a 20-page final report, complete with narrative, photos, and key project details, to be submitted to funders and partnering agencies. May approached all of these responsibilities with skillfulness, diligence, and a proactive attitude.

Without hesitation, I strongly recommend May for admission to the Master of Environmental Studies program at Evergreen. They were a joy to work with and a tremendous asset to the 2024 SCA youth crew in Seattle. I have no doubt they will thrive in a graduate-level program, and I encourage you to consider them highly in your admissions decision.

Sincerely,

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