

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MIT

Iteration Name: 202540_GR_G
Program Name: MIT

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Lenny Muni
Recommenders Institution: Oglebay Junior Nature Camp
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: CIT Program Director
Contact Name: Steven Rice
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 09/26/2024 01:36 PM
Recommendation Type: General
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000120074378

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

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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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in reference to Steven Rice, who is applying for admission to the Masters in Teaching program at The Evergreen State College.

My name is Lenny Muni. I am a retired teacher, camp director, and planetarium director for the Berea (Ohio) City School District. I also have worked and continue to work at Oglebay Institute's Junior Nature Camp near Wheeling West Virginia. Among other roles, I serve as the Counselor In Training Director at this camp.

I first got to know Steve in 1984 when he was a 13 year old camper at Oglebay's two-week Junior Nature Camp near Wheeling, West Virginia. The mission of this camp is to bring about an awareness of all aspects of nature, to bring about a love of nature and the Earth, and to inspire and motivate campers to take steps to care for nature and the Earth. Instilling these values is an integral part of just about everything we do at this camp.

Steve was a very enthusiastic camper who participated fully in all activities. It was clear that he enjoyed the camp activities, and got along well with campers and staff.

At age 16 and 17, campers are eligible for the Counselor In Training (CIT) program which I direct. CIT's are trained to become involved in the leadership of the camp. They actually have the opportunity to teach a lesson. Steve became a CIT and did a wonderful job in this role. Even at that young age, it was clear that Steve had the enthusiasm and capability to be a leader.

Family and the job world called, and Steve was not able to attend camp for a number of years. However, we were very fortunate in 2006, when he was able to return to the camp as a volunteer. He continues to attend camp as a volunteer to the present time. As a volunteer, he teaches, leads, and inspires campers and staff.

Among his many roles as a volunteer, Steve conducts a daily session. The sessions are meant to promote the mission of the camp among the campers. As a teacher, I know the value of hands-on learning, especially when combined with a well planned presentation. Steve does all of this....and he does it extremely well. I've observed him conduct large and small group sessions. They are well planned well conducted. Steve's sessions are fascinating and totally enjoyable and provide great support for the camp's mission. His sessions are well received and enjoyed by campers and staff. All of his planning and preparation pays off in wonderful sessions that promote the mission of our camp.

Steve is also one of the leaders in the tent area, helping to keep law and order among the campers. He does a great job in this role and helps bring about friendship and camaraderie among campers, staff, and volunteers. In addition to all of this, Steve leads optional free time activities for campers, including archery. He is glad to give up his own free time to provide activities for the campers.

Over the years, Steve has proven to be an outstanding camper, CIT, session instructor, volunteer and leader. He has proven to be an important asset to our program. He is highly motivated and hard working with a great attitude and a strong sense of responsibility. He works hard to make sure that everyone has a great camp experience.

I am very confident that Steven will be successful at The Evergreen State College. I also feel that Steven would be a fine asset to the college. I give Steven Rice my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,
Lenny Muni